

## World AIDS Day encourages student awareness

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The Evergreen campus went red on Monday, December 1, in recognition of World AIDS Day. Monday kicked off a week full of events hosted by the Loyola AIDS Awareness Coalition, the LAAC, which aimed to educate students about the AIDS epidemic and raise donations for local AIDS charities.

"Our goal for this week is to spread awareness and collect donations," said Caitlin Enz, co-chairperson of LAAC along with Jessica Henderson. "People don't think AIDS will affect them, but they need to be educated about the severity of the virus."

This is the third year Henderson and Enz have organized AIDS Awareness Week at Loyola. It is held each year during the week of December 1, which is internationally recognized as World AIDS Day.

AIDS Awareness week began Monday afternoon with a mass dedicated to World AIDS Day held in Alumni Chapel. On Monday evening, *A Closer Walk*, an AIDS documentary, was shown in Knott Hall. The film discussed the impact HIV/AIDS has on people from all

around the world and all walks of life.

Tuesday's events included a presentation on AIDS stigmas by Nora Collins, a representative from Catholic Relief Services. Enz and Henderson reiterate the importance of Collins' presentation. "A stigma is any bad connotation or stereotype associated with the AIDS virus," said Enz. "They are based on misunderstandings and very detrimental to AIDS education. These stigmas are what we are trying to end by spreading awareness about the disease."

Henderson added, "People need to realize AIDS does not just affect Africans and gays. Anyone is susceptible to the AIDS virus and it is very popular right here in Baltimore."

A 2006 study by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Baltimore as the city with the second highest rate of new AIDS diagnoses in the United States. 37.7 of 100,000 people became affected compared to the national average of 14 per 100,000.

In response to the high number of AIDS cases in Baltimore, the LAAC will be donating all proceeds

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## Sweet Sounds of Chordbusters Ring in Holiday Cheer



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The biannual Chordbusters performance by the Belles and Chimes (featured above) was one of the many regular festivities going into the final week of the semester and the holiday season. For more about the weekend's show, as well as the Lessons and Carols celebration, see page 15.

## Students' future education hinges on availability of credit

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In the past couple of months the economy has taken a turn for the worst. There have been many signs of an impending recession, and many people are seeing their savings deteriorate. The landscape of Wall Street is changing drastically with the only two investment banks left standing, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley, turning into holding companies.

With the economy as it is, fear has taken over investor's mentality,

and investor confidence is very low, and rightfully so. As the average person works to make ends meet the availability of credit, or the ability to secure a loan, has tightened dramatically, leaving post-graduates wondering whether or not they will be able to obtain a loan for further education.

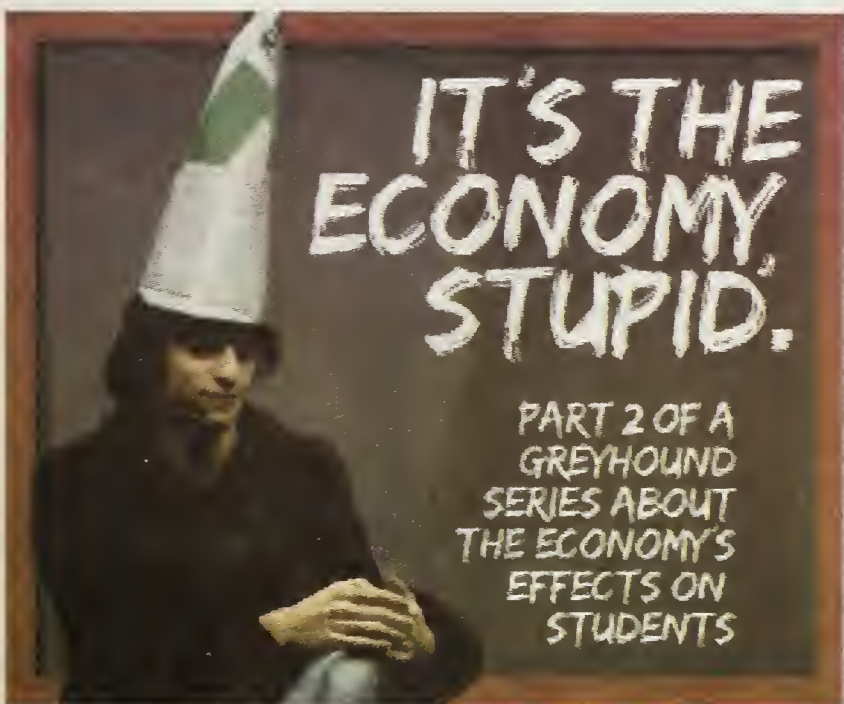
One of the biggest problems facing our economy today is the lack of stability in the housing market. Many argue that the credit crisis America is facing today is a result of defaults on subprime mortgages.

From the mid-nineties to 2006 the housing market was experiencing unprecedented growth. Low interest rates and a large inflow of foreign funds created easy credit conditions and banks were more than willing

to lend. The overwhelming demand in the housing markets helped fuel an increase in housing prices and consumer spending. Many people decided to take advantage of the increase in their property value by taking out second mortgages to add to their funds for spending. As a result U.S. household debt to income rose 130 percent in 2007.

In 2006 the housing bubble burst. Overbuilding during the boom had caused an increase in housing inventory and the demand for housing eventually declined. This caused a decrease in housing prices, but with easy credit still available and the notion that housing prices would continue to rise people began to obtain adjustable-rate mortgages, or mortgages that have rates which

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## - Quotes of the Moment -

**“If we go on this way for another 25 years, we won't have an affordable system of higher education.”**

-Patrick M. Callan

**“That's great. That's great for the country.”**

-David Axelrod, a senior Obama aide, referring to the overflow of applicants applying to the president-elect's administration

## Investigation of Mumbai bombings continues

Investigations concerning the hotel bombings in Mumbai went underway this week as police arrested two suspects involved with the black market, specifically dealing cell phone chips in an effort to discover how the attackers obtained their chips. The suspects included a vendor from Calcutta and an officer in Delhi. The authorities believe Pakistani terrorists to be responsible for the fatal attack that left 179 people dead. Authorities more specifically blame Lashkar-e-Tayyiba, an Islamic militant group.

## Kenyan PM responds to conflict

Kenyan Prime Minister Raila Odinga responded to the worsening conflict in Zimbabwe by calling for troops to “dislodge” the President Robert Mugabe. He asked the international community to respond to the needs of the African people by ending the “murderous reign” of Zimbabwean ruler. As the country suffers from the lack of food and water, and the cholera outbreak killed 600 people since August.

## Amsterdam announces bans in city center

Amsterdam announced its plan to close all brothels, sex shops and marijuana cafes in its ancient city center. This proposal stands as one part of their official attempt to lessen organized crime in the city. Thirty-six cafes will be affected by the regulations. The city set aside millions of dollars to fill the tourist-infested area with other amusements such as hotels, boutiques and restaurants. Prostitution will be legal in only two districts.

## Pork products recalled in Ireland

After laboratory tests tested positive, affirming the presence of dioxins in the animal feed and pork fat sample of slaughtered pigs in Ireland, the Irish government demanded a recall on Saturday of all pork products. Authorities suggested that the contamination started in September. These environmental contaminants originated in industrial waste. Dioxin affects nervous system and liver. Ireland's chief medical officer, Dr. Tony Holohan, stated Dioxin would only be threatening with lasting or multiple exposures.



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## Insurgents attack vehicles carrying U.S. Supplies

One of the largest attacks occurred in Pakistan on early Sunday as Taliban insurgents unleashed heavy weapons on two truck stops in the northwest. The insurgents destroyed 150 vehicles that carried U.S. supplies for troops in Afghanistan, and killed one guard. Despite the magnitude of the attack, the loss of military supplies was considered insignificant, and instead questioned the safety and dependability of the route the supplies were transported on. The incident occurred in the outskirts of Peshawar, a city already greatly affected by rising tensions.

Sources : *N.Y. Times, CNN, and MCT Campus*

## Short Films by Loyola Students To Debut Dec. 16

The public is invited to a premier of student-produced fiction short films on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Loyola Notre Dame Library. Campus guests may obtain free parking in the adjacent Library lot. This shorts program reflects a comedic to dramatic range of imaginative stories created in the Narrative Video Production class of Prof. David Warfield by filmmakers Shannon Vesik, Justin Ulrich, Dennis Cornwall, Melanie Block and Brian Aranda. The students will be on hand at the screening to tell about their experiences and to answer questions.

### Light a Candle and Request a Prayer

As a member of the Loyola community, you are invited to light a candle and request prayers for yourself or anyone in need. To do so, visit Campus Ministry's Web site at [www.loyola.edu/campusministry](http://www.loyola.edu/campusministry). Click the image of the flame and type in your prayer. When your request is accepted it will be posted on the Campus Ministry Web site. Please remember also to hold in prayer the needs and requests of other community members recorded on this site each day. Thank you for praying with us.

### Donations Needed for Mental Health Team in El Salvador

The Encounter El Salvador delegation stayed in the rural town called Nueva Esperanza-New Hope. Missioners have

formed a mental health team to attend to the many need of the rural communities. This team is desperate to replace a motorcycle they use to reach the outlying rural towns they serve. IF you would like to donate money in the name of someone as a Christmas gift, or just donate, please contact

Andrea Goicochea, CCSJ, at ext. 5823 or [mgoicochea@loyola.edu](mailto:mgoicochea@loyola.edu)

## NEWSBRIEFS

### College Closed on Friday, Jan. 2, 2009

Loyola College will be closed on Friday, Jan. 2, 2009. This is an update to the previously posted 2008/2009 holiday schedule. Please see the Holiday Schedule located under “Schedules and Calendars” on the Human Resources homepage for a complete list of 2008 and 2009 holidays.

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## Campus Police Blotter

### Selected excerpts from reports

Monday, November 24

A fire alarm sounded in McAuley Hall as a result to a resident's overcooked steak and rice dinner. The Baltimore Fire Department reported to the smoky apartment. They advised maintenance to replace the intake filter on the furnace, reset the alarm and cleared the scene.

Tuesday, November 25

While securing doors in Rietz Arena an officer found that one door was unsecured and broken. He notified the Base and cleared the scene.

Tuesday, November 25

An officer reported to Homeland Southway after receiving a complaint from a resident who claimed to hear loud voice and slamming doors. After he knocked on the front door, several minutes went by before someone answered. The four guests inside were not Loyola students. The officer asked the guests to leave. The officer and the student discussed the noise policy, and the officer cleared the area.

Thursday, November 27

On Thanksgiving Day an officer noticed an open door in Newman West. No one was around. He closed it.

-compiled by Lizzie McQuillan



# 2010 assembly sponsors benefit dinner for sickle cell disease

BY LIZZIE MCQUILLAN  
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Members of the Loyola College community gathered in McGuire hall on Thursday night to share a meal and conversation during "A Cure this Christmas," an event organized by the junior class assembly. The event was only one of the continuing efforts to fundraise and spread awareness about a disease that affects thousands of individuals and families in the United States and around the world: Sickle Cell Anemia.

The evening began with a turkey dinner and wide range of desserts. Students sat around table covered in white linens and decorated with holiday centerpieces of wrapped presents and red and green balloons. The gospel choir sang Christmas carols and student speakers talked of their experiences with the disease.

"The fundraiser was in response to seeing need in the community of Baltimore about more awareness of this disease. Sickle cell anemia affects Baltimore in large, large, large numbers" said Ashley Vaughan, a member of the junior class assembly who helped organize the event.

"I brought the idea to Keith [Masiulis], the junior class president, and he as well as the other members on our assembly were more than willing to help on this endeavor. And after doing some research and connecting with the foundation and realizing that the headquarters are only 20 minutes away from our campus we couldn't help but become

involved."

The sickle cell disease, transmitted through inheritance, affects the red blood cells, making them hard, jagged, and pointed. The formation can lead to both anemia and immense pain, restricting the blood cells' flexibility.

Sickle Cell Anemia not only affects those of African decent, but is also found in people of Portuguese, Spanish, French Corsican, Sardinian, Sicilian, Italian, Greek, Turkish, and Cypriot backgrounds.

Although the average life expectancy has improved over the years, many obstacles are yet to be overcome. The treatment Hydroxyurea, which has given hope to many patients in the past years suffering with the disease, has reduced the frequency of severe pain, acute chest syndrome, and the need for blood transfusions.

The assembly donated the proceeds from "A Cure this Christmas" to Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, one of many organizations committed to individuals and families deeply affected by the disease. There is no definite cure—but the event worked to raise awareness throughout the college community with student speakers as well as a representative from the Association.

"I think that it's important for Loyola college students to be aware of this disease because as a school that's committed to supporting our community and supporting each other; this disease affects us directly, through many of our faculty members and also our students who suffer from sickle cell anemia," said Vaughan



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**Many sickle cell patients do not discover they are affected by the trait until later in life.**

After a performance from the Gospel Choir, Deborah Ashamu '10 approached the podium to share her family's experience with the disease. Her parents came to the United States from Nigeria unaware that they carried the trait.

Out of her two brothers and one sister, Ashamu stood as the only family member untouched by sickle cell. She focused on the story of one of her brothers, diagnosed in his early childhood, who suffered greatly from the disease for much of his early life.

"This cause is dear to my heart," said Ashamu whose parents and family members

had little education about the disease. Through the help of doctors and friends, they learned about the affects of the disease, and obtained treatments.

Afterwards Letitia Wells shared her experience as a sickle cell patient, and expressed the burdens that she will never completely be relieved from. "I was surprised that anyone in this school knew about sickle cell, anywhere I go I tend to have to give a 5 minute explanation," said Wells.

She spoke of the painful situations she encountered in the past, as well as the support  
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## Loyola delegation protests SOA at Fort Benning in Georgia

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"On Sunday there were vendors up and down the street, stretching for probably a quarter mile selling fair trade goods and advertising various social justice causes. As the Loyola delegation lined up behind our banner, I looked out into the sea of people," said sophomore Bianca Vazquez. "There were 25,000 people at the vigil and there were white crosses as far as I could see to stand in solidarity with people from Latin America."

From November 21st to the 23rd, the delegation of twenty-four members of the Loyola community and Alvernia College participated in the Ignatian Family Teach-in and a Vigil to honor the martyrs who were victims of the war bloodshed caused by graduates of the School of the Americas (SOA-WHINSEC) and to advocate for the closing of this school.

For more than fifty years, SOA has trained over 60,000 Latin American soldiers on counter urgency techniques, psychological warfare, and interrogation techniques, among other military-related curricula. Many of the graduates of these schools have been accused of terrible human rights crimes in recent Latin American history.

One of the graduates of this school murdered six Jesuit priest and six women in 1989, other graduates of SOA killed

Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero, and remain responsible for the disappearance of thousands of victims.

Although the School of America changed its name to Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, WHINSEC, in 2001 and restructured their curriculum to add courses in human rights, and ethics, many are still skeptical of the change.

Committed to human rights, justice, and faith, the Center for Community Service and Justice sponsors a trip every year for the Teach-in and Vigil where members of the Loyola Community can gain a better understanding of the tragic impact SOA had on innocent people.

Margarita Dubocq, the assistant director of the Center for Community Service and Justice (CCSJ) insisted that the trip offered an opportunity to truly feel what it means to be part of a Jesuit Institution.

"I think that this program is a great tool to learn more about the United States' foreign policy, and to start educating oneself about the need for citizens to be aware and hold their politicians accountable for what is done with our tax moneys," Dubocq said.

Dubocq along with Erin Bowman, '10, Justice and Teach-In coordinator, met with participating students before the weekend for education and preparation. They showed documentaries, discussed the controversy associated with the school and painted crosses with the names of victims to bring to the vigil.

"An effort was made not only in the

preparation meetings but throughout the trip itself to have an open dialogue about the school in which no opinion, either for or against it, was unacceptable," Bowman said.

The Loyola delegation departed at midnight on Thursday, November 20, and arrived at their hotel in Columbus, Georgia after 3pm the next day. Then they attended the Teach-In on Friday and Saturday morning.

According to Vazquez, "it was just breathtaking to see Jesuit high school and university students from all over the country come together in the name of peace and justice."

In addition to the tribute of the victims and the strong intention to close SOA/WHINSEC, the Teach-in expanded its focus to other service and justice programs.

On Saturday at 1pm, the delegation went to a Q&A session for protesters at WHINSEC. During an hour and a half panelists of WHINSEC's administrators answered some of the visitor's questions and presented their arguments for the purpose and need for the base and what takes place in there.

Vazquez, who went to the Teach-In and Vigil for the first time, admitted that talking with one of the instructors made her question her newly formed conclusions.

"Both sides feel really strongly about their arguments, it could be bias on both sides so is good to hear them both and form an opinion," Said Hilary Ippolito

'12. "I have not decided yet but I would like to go [on this trip] again to get a better understanding," she added.

Justin White '09, who visited WHINSEC for the third time this year, remembers feeling that way after his first Q&A session; he comments that the argument presented by the school has not changed.

"They [WHINSEC's instructors and administrators] believe that it is erroneous of us to make a causal link between those military figures that have committed horrible human rights crimes and the tactics and skills that are taught at the school," he added.

However, many of the arguments of the people who advocated for the closure of the school have evolved since years past. For years members of the SOA Watch (a nonviolent grassroots movement) worked to close the SOA/WHINSEC and stop giving soldiers the tools to become murderers and torturers of their own people, but also, as stated in their website, "to change oppressive U.S. foreign policy that institutions like the SOA represent."

To what extent the US is responsible to train these officers was stressed.

"Even if the school is not directly responsible for the actions of its graduates, we are giving these soldiers the legitimacy of having a US army education," said Vazquez.

The Vigil took place on Sunday, where the Loyola delegation joined 25,000 people  
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# Flu shot advice from the student health advisory board

By KATHLEEN SULLIVAN  
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Finishing up those term papers and preparing for exams is undoubtedly a stressful time for students – but imagine trying to do all this while your body is fighting the flu. Healthcare experts recommend that students be proactive about their health by getting the influenza vaccine this year to avoid those nasty flu symptoms. Luckily for the Loyola College community, the vaccine is still available at the Health Center.

In mid-November, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene confirmed the first case of seasonal influenza in a child in Baltimore. This child tested positive for Type A, Subtype H1 influenza. Both of these strains are covered in this year's flu vaccine.

According to Jeanne Lombardi, Director of Health and Education Services, the Health Center administered over 400 flu shots to the Loyola community. As a result, we have not seen any cases of the flu to date. "All students who can are encouraged to get a flu shot, especially before traveling," Lombardi said. "It's not too late."

A common misconception that discourages many people from getting the flu vaccine is the belief that the flu shot will give them the flu. However, because the vaccine is synthesized from an inactivated virus, it cannot make you sick. The flu shot works by teaching your immune system to recognize flu viruses so it is prepared to fight the disease if you are exposed to it. The vaccine protects against the three main flu strains that research

indicates will cause the most illness during that particular flu season.

Curtis Allen, spokesperson for the Center for Disease Control (CDC) confirms that the 2008 vaccine promises to be a good match for the flu strains circulating around the world. The effectiveness of this vaccine is projected to be between 70-90 percent, a number significantly higher than the expected effectiveness for the vaccine in previous years. In fact, the particularly severe flu season we had last year is attributed to the fact that the vaccine did not cover the virus strains that spread so rampantly.

Although the flu shot is recommended for everyone 6 months and older, it is especially important for college students to be vaccinated. The CDC urges people who are in contact with those who have a chronic disease to get to flu vaccine, since they are potentially at a higher risk for developing the disease. In our Loyola College population of almost 4,000 undergraduates alone, odds are that each of us is in contact with someone who has a chronic disease. Additionally, communal living in the dormitories promotes the spread of communicable diseases, particularly influenza. Stress, lack of sleep, and a poor diet are also factors that increase one's risk of getting the flu.

Additionally, although getting the flu shot is the single most effective way of protection against the flu, there are some populations who should consult a physician before being vaccinated, including those allergic to chicken eggs, developed Guillain-Barre Syndrome, and or have a fever.

Common side effects of the flu shot include soreness or redness where the shot was

given, or in rare cases, fever and aches. These symptoms, however, are much less serious than the symptoms that are associated with getting the flu. Experts agree that the benefits of getting the flu shot far outweigh the potential risks. In addition, although October and November are usually the best times to be vaccinated, December is not too late in most years. This is because flu season usually peaks around January or later and often lasts through March and April.

According to webmd.com, common influenza symptoms include fever, muscle aches, chills, sore throat, weakness, and headache. If you detect any of these symptoms, it is important to make an appointment at the Health Center as soon as possible. In most cases, an anti-viral prescribed within two days from when symptoms first appear are effective in reducing both the severity and duration of the illness. Additionally, common home-treatments of nonprescription flu remedies include the use of pain relievers or fever reducers, decongestants and nasal sprays. Healthcare professionals recommend that you stay home from school if you have the flu to limit contact with others and keep from infecting them. Also avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth to prevent the spread of germs.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, about 36,000 people die



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**Flu shots are an important preventative measure in the winter months.**

from the flu in the US each year. Additionally, more than 200,000 people are hospitalized annually as a result of flu complications. These numbers can be significantly depressed if more people receive the flu vaccine.

In addition to getting the flu shot, however, we must also take other measures to reduce our risk of getting sick, including frequent hand-washing, practicing good hygiene, getting nine hours of sleep daily, avoiding drinking and smoking, eating a balanced diet, and drinking plenty of fluids.

To get a flu shot, students are encouraged to go to the Health Center in Seton Court during regular business hours – no appointment necessary. The vaccine is \$25 payable by cash, check or Evergreen. For questions, please call the Health Center at (410) 617-5055.

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## Student loans complicated with struggling economy

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reset periodically.

Once housing prices began to depreciate and rates began to rise, subprime borrowers found it harder to re-finance and, after the initial teaser period, found themselves in a position where they could not afford the higher rates that their mortgages adjusted to. This led to many people defaulting on their mortgages, which led to many foreclosures.

The burst in the housing bubble not only affected individual people, but the financial institutions which were heavily invested in mortgage-backed securities. These financial institutions borrowed large sums of money to speculate in mortgage-backed securities to make a quick profit.

Like individuals who took out a second mortgage to reinvest funds in the stock market, financial institutions used financial leverage and borrowed at a low interest rate to invest at a high interest rate of risky mortgage backed securities. Just as the individuals purchasing mortgages did, financial institutions bet on housing prices continuing to increase.

However, they were wrong and their decisions to speculate in investment vehicles that had un-unified mortgages bunched in them left them with a massive amount of debt

on their balance sheets.

With so many people defaulting on their mortgages, and people not being able to pay back their loans, banks have tightened the lines of credit so they do not incur more debt.

The government and the Federal Reserve have been working to ensure that any recession we slip into is a mild one by trying to unfreeze the frozen credit lines. In the past year the Fed has lowered the federal funds rate, or the rate which banks lend to banks overnight, from 4.50 percent to 1 percent. They have also lowered the discount rate, or the rate which the Fed lends to financial institutions, from 5 percent to 1.25 percent. The U.S. government has also provided a stimulus package to consumers and the Fed has passed many bailouts, in particular a 700 billion-dollar bailout to financial institutions.

All of these measures taken by the Fed and the Bush administration have been steps to thaw out the lines of credit so small businesses and average consumers can obtain a loan.

However, consumer confidence and consumer spending is the key to growth in the economy. With so many people choosing to save rather than spend, companies are seeing a decline in profits and growth opportunities,

creating a lack of confidence. Without investors investing in financial institutions and other businesses there is a loss of capital, and banks are not so easy to lend and take on more debt.

What does this mean for undergraduates or graduates trying to obtain a loan for their education?

It means that if one does not have any credit or bad credit it will almost be, if not impossible, to obtain a loan without a co-signer that has a good credit score. Universities and colleges around the nation have been trying to ease the problem of obtaining a student loan.

Since February more than 100 universities and colleges have applied to participate in a direct loan program according to the Department of Education. This program would double the amount of new loans given out to students, if necessary.

The problem of student loans stems from private loans, which are not government backed. Recently, banks have been turning down people with decent credit scores for loans, but if a student or graduate has someone with a good credit score that is willing to co-sign on a loan with them it will not be too hard to obtain a private loan, and the rates may not be great, but they will be manageable.

## Students share their experience with sickle cell

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she received from the Loyola Community, especially during the her first week freshman year, when she participated in the pre-orientation program sponsored by ALANA, Multicultural Awareness Program (MAP).

"I'm not asking for your pity. I don't need that. I need you to understand. When a sickle cell patient tells you, yes, I have sickle cell, don't give them a blank stare, surprise them with you're awareness," said Wells.

The students were followed by words for Alex Hollis, the President of SGA and Ms. Buck of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.

The junior class assembly plans to launch several other programs this year to spread awareness of Sickle Cell in addition to "A Cure This Christmas," including on and off campus social events, a walk in September, and a telethon. Students involved with the initiative hope to assist the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America in building a new strategic plan.

## Healing Hands Foundation dances toward a cause

BY SARAH SWEENEY  
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On Friday, January 16, 2009, The Healing Hands Foundation will host Salsa for a Reason at El Patron Mexican Restaurante in Mount Vernon. Salsa for a Reason is a local fundraiser for Latin American children's surgeries. This event, lasting from 7 p.m.-1 a.m., offers the chance to experience a 'Taste of Mexico' dinner and take dance lessons to learn how to Salsa. But the night is not merely for the novice dancers; in the later hours, the dance floor is reserved for showing off what has been learned and to give the more experienced dancers a chance to stretch their legs.

The hosting party, The Healing Hands Foundation, whose motto is "Healing the world...one child at a time", is a non-profit organization that provides medical services to children around the world. The mission of The Healing Hands Foundation is to provide high quality surgical care to children with complex congenital malformations living in areas that lack resources and surgical expertise. "All proceeds go to missions teams where we are focusing on our future—the young people [who] need surgical care to have hope for a better future," said Marco Avila, Executive Director of The Healing Hands Foundation. The Healing Hands Foundation's mission teams are comprised of volunteers and Healing Hands members: doctors, dentists and nurses who have practiced medicine in countries around the world, including Ecuador, Peru, Laos and Ghana.

The Healing Hands Foundation not only provides doctors to perform surgeries for

children, they also teach specialists in those locations lacking surgical expertise the necessary surgical techniques to better the care of the children after the mission team has returned home. "You do not just impact one child," commented Dr. Jaime Flores, president of the Board of Directors of The Healing Hands Foundation and plastic surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. "You impact a physician by teaching them new methods in providing better long-term care. You help more people even after the mission is over. That is a great feeling. My wish is to build mission teams to be able to help more countries at a faster pace."

Salsa for a Reason is raising money for two of The Healing Hands Foundation's upcoming missions. The first is to Cali, Colombia, in February of 2009, and the second to Santiago and Talca, Chile in April. Surgical procedures on these trips will include correcting cleft-lips and cleft-palates, in addition to hernia repairs of children in these areas. All of these surgeries will be performed at no cost to the patient or their family.

Previous fundraisers hosted by The Helping Hands Foundation include The Helping Hands Foundation Gala 2008, held May 10, 2008, and a Wine Tasting Fundraiser, which was held April 19 of last year.

This current fundraiser also offers a raffle drawing with a number of unique prizes, including a Mexican Dinner for four and private dance lessons for two. Tickets for the event are \$55 if purchased ahead of time, and are \$65 at the door. This price includes a free drink ticket and one raffle ticket for one of the prizes. Please make reservations by January 9, 2009, by contacting Lisa Garrett.

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## Events raise funds for local efforts

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raised during AIDS Awareness Week to local Baltimore charities. "The donations we collect will go to Catholic Relief Services and the Don Miller House, which provides medication and shelter for Baltimore residents living with the HIV/AIDS," said Henderson.

Other events of AIDS Awareness included a trip to the University of Baltimore on Wednesday to see a staged reading of the play *The Normal Heart*, which is about the formation of the first prominent AIDS advocacy group in New York City.

On Thursday night, McGuire Hall was transformed into a World AIDS Day Coffeehouse with live music by student performers and bands. The performances included Sasha Buerano with Chris Samson, Xavier Simon and Sal Mastrocolal, along with the bands Rice and Beans and Bravo-Romeo-Bravo.

AIDS Awareness Week came to a close Friday evening with a screening of the movie musical, *Rent*, in Knott Hall.

While the events of AIDS Awareness Week have come to a conclusion, Enz reminds students that AIDS advocacy must continue year round. "If students want to get involved they can join [the LAAC] or attend our events," said Enz, "The Don Miller house also has volunteer opportunities available through CCSJ."

## Faith put into action at Teach-in

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at the gates of Fort Benning.

According to White, "the Vigil, which is a large remembrance of those killed and disappeared in Latin and Central America due to the violence and war, is just breathtaking.

"The names of those who have passed are sung and everyone sings 'presente' which means present. Many of the names that are sung are followed by [the] age of the person...the ages range from 5 months old to 80 years old. It really hits you when you hear a name and then '5 months old.'"

After this solemn and powerful funeral procession, hundreds of activists with flags and drawings advocating for peace continue marching. "There was definitely a sense of protest to it, they were chanting and people with masks representing the people who were murdered," said Ippolito.

For many of the attendants this weekend was a powerful way to stand for peace and justice and to learn about US foreign policy in Latin America.

Even though this complicated issue is without simple answers, there is a lot to be done about all the injustices the delegation learned about in Georgia after that weekend.

### Hi friends!

Just wanted to say "Thank you!" to the Loyola community for such a warm and genuine welcome. I am a new student and came to campus this week to register for the Spring '09 semester. It was my first time on campus, and really didn't know where anything was. I managed to find street parking, which I came to learn can be a rarity. I flagged down the first student I saw and asked him where Beatty Hall was. With a smile and all the time I needed, he gave me clear directions. I thought to myself, "What a nice guy." I was soon to find out that his 'spirit' pervaded this place. From my experience with my advisor, to the folks at registration, to the theater, the gym (Yes, I took a self-guided mini-tour!), the food court, and even the Craft Fair, I was taken with the kindness and genuine care I was shown by everyone. Through your unintentional grace, you made a deep and lasting impression on this 'new kid on the block.' I am grateful for the way in which you welcomed me, and allowed me to instantly feel a part of your family. It is clear that you live out the Christian tradition in your daily lives, and demonstrate your faith in action. Thanks for the love! May each of you have a blessed and enjoyable Christmas! (All the best on your exams... I'll be praying for you guys!)

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## Greyhound Correction

In an article published in the November 11, 2008 issue of *The Greyhound* entitled "Loyola Renew aims to provide worthy participants with vacations." The article deemed Jennifer Colgan as the head member of the board of Directors. However, Colgan is simply a member of the board, while Jonathan Sanchez and Andrew Nestor share the position as the Head of the Board of Directors in the organization that works to raise money for social workers to have day spa vacations.

# Roller Hockey team begun on text message publicity

BY LAILA HANSON  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

It's funny what power text messages hold. A few simple words can make or break relationships, cause tears or happiness or even—as in the case of the Loyola College Roller Hockey Team—result in the birth of a winning team.

Simply referring to themselves as "The Greyhounds," the team began from member Geoff Browning's love of skating around the FAC.

"The idea kind of sprang up from the fact that Loyola has a perfect practice space - the MAC court at the FAC - right on campus. Sophomore year, I started skating around up there, and almost immediately Mike Fortner and Joe Cirincione told me they were interested in starting a team," says Browning. "We started recruiting friends, and before we knew it, 10-12 people started showing up to scrimmage every Sunday. We pitched the



PHOTO COURTESY OF LOYOLA ROLLER HOCKEY

The Loyola College Roller Hockey team started from the ground up, gaining popularity by way of an enthusiastic group of founders.

team idea to Eric Eckenrode at Rec Sports, and the whole project just absolutely took off from there."

Soon, getting the word out about the team became a breeze for the members. It took a lot of enthusiasm from the founding members, but the effort has paid off.

"When we began (two years ago), it just took a lot of poster-hanging, tabling, and word-of-mouth.

When I was trying to get scrimmages together at the FAC, I would just send mass-text messages to everyone who had expressed interest," says Browning.

"It was kind of a ragtag 'grassroots' effort at first, but since then, we've gained so many valuable players and contributors that the team has advanced beyond our wildest hopes. The program now has so much momentum that prospective members of the Class of 2013 have contacted us to inquire about the team."

The team has a website, [loyolarollerhockey.com](http://loyolarollerhockey.com).

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# Hockey team grows in popularity and wins

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com, which boasts its incredible statistics and team roster. So far this year, they're at 7-1-1 and in first place in their Division, III.

"We travel and compete against other schools in the Eastern Collegiate Roller Hockey Association, or ECRHA," says Browning.

"Our league represents one region of the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association (NCRHA), which is the governing body for all intercollegiate roller hockey competition in the country. For the 2008-09 season, we are competing in Division III, but next year, our team will most likely bump up to Division II.

So far our opponents have included Rutgers, Syracuse, Suffolk, University of Delaware, Scranton, and more."

The Greyhounds are one of the only roller hockey teams in the country that have a practice space provided to them on campus. Many other teams have to trek miles away for the proper flooring needed for this type of hockey.

"Basically, the Fitness and Aquatic center is awesome. When we play against other schools, we don't play on the street with a

ball, we play on a special surface with a puck. The game moves much more like ice hockey than street hockey.

The MAC court's surface is standard sport-court tile, making the FAC one of the only usable practice spaces in the state of Maryland," says Browning. "Other teams have to drive more than an hour to practice, but we can walk.

"Even though it's smaller than the rinks where we play, we are lucky to have it. Except for one other school in Colorado, I've never heard of any other schools with a playing surface like Loyola's."

So what's on the horizon for the team?

"We have Greyhounds Roller Hockey apparel: shorts, t-shirts, and comfortable sweatpants (in both black and grey), as well as baseball hats.

Before the end of this semester, we hope to have a table outside Boulder where we can sell our clothing as a fundraiser," says Browning.

"I couldn't be any more proud of this team. It started as a bunch of mass text messages – and since then, Joe, Mike, Frank and all our players have really taken the idea and lifted it to a great place."

*Thank you for supporting our troops*

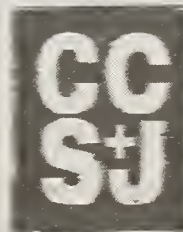


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With your help last week, we were able to raise \$1702.86 for The Wounded Warrior Project and the USO this Christmas. I cannot express enough my personal gratitude to those of you in the Loyola Community who stopped by our table and donated all you could. It was extremely touching when individuals came to the table and said, "You are doing great work, so take what's left on my Evergreen Card," or those who came back day after day to donate just a little more. I would also like to thank all of those individuals who helped me with the sale. Without their time, dedication and enthusiasm during such a busy week in the semester, not a single penny could have been raised. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! -Nick Centanni

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Loyola College is built upon intelligent dialogue. The principles of Loyola have always existed, and the Loyola Pledge for Unity was created to remind us all how important it is to recognize and embrace the differences that exist among us. The following students support the creation of the Pledge for Unity.

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### *Family, friends are the reasons for the season*

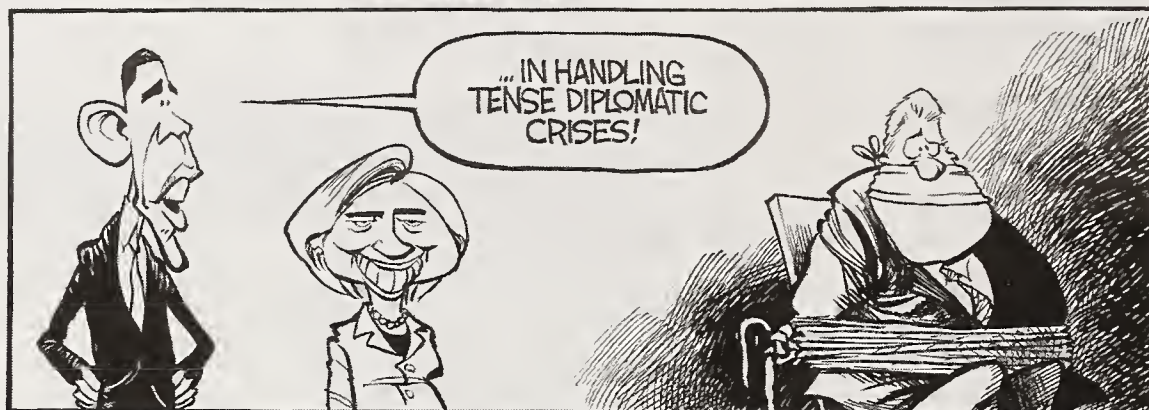
Over the Thanksgiving holiday, many might have heard about Jdimytai Damour, the employee at a Long Island Wal-Mart who was trampled to death by Black Friday shoppers as they stormed the doors when the Wal-Mart opened that morning. According to police and witnesses, even though Damour had been pushed to the ground – along with some other shoppers, including a pregnant woman – the shoppers continued to pile into the Wal-Mart as if nothing had happened. When the store had to be closed temporarily in order to remove Damour's body, shoppers complained. And when the store was reopened later that afternoon, the regular flood of shoppers continued as if nothing had gone wrong that day.

At moments such as these, Americans would do well to pause and reflect, and then wonder what we value as a country and society. In the wake of the incident, blame for Damour's death was attributed to Wal-Mart not providing enough security and barricades; to Wal-Mart for not providing enough riot training; and to a government encouraging people to spend money to help rescue a floundering economy. But, one must wonder whether any of those shoppers decided to look in a mirror for the rest of Black Friday.

With the holiday season quickly approaching, we would all benefit if we took a moment to figure out what we truly appreciate about the holidays. Do we find our happiness in trivial, one-day bargains? Or do we find our happiness being a product of a period of much needed relaxation, when we can reconnect with friends and family and enjoy the food, fun and memories we create?

*The Greyhound* would like to wish all of Loyola's students, faculty, staff and administrators – and their families – a happy, safe and fun Winter Break. We'd like to wish the students the best of luck during final exams, and we'd like to congratulate Loyola's first-year students on successfully completing their first semester of college.

## ■ Clinton's diplomatic expertise



### Letter to the editor: Letter about Walter Block was misleading

The Nov. 18 letter by Professor John Donahue, S.J., regarding Dr. Walter Block was extremely misleading. Yes, Dr. Block was insulting to some when he said the Jesuit order was "hijacked" by Marxists. But he was speaking the truth since, as he explained, "liberation theology," with its roots in Marxian class analysis, has indeed become a large part of the Jesuit scholarly tradition.

This is even recognized on the Wikipedia entry for "liberation theology," which says it "has enjoyed widespread influence...among the Jesuits" despite the fact that Pope John Paul II "harshly admonished" it and Pope Benedict XVI has "long been an opponent" of certain "strains" of the ideology.

According to Wikipedia, which

uses several reputable sources, "its theologians consider sin the root source of poverty, recognizing sin as capitalism, and capitalism as class war by the rich against the poor."

This, of course, is the thoroughly discredited ideology of Marxist communism that plagued the twentieth century and condemned millions to poverty and misery.

I found Professor Donahue's attempt to associate Professor Block, the recipient of Loyola University New Orleans' Dux Academicus Award last year, with murderous thugs in Central America to have been absolutely malevolent.

Thomas DiLorenzo, Ph. D.  
Professor of Economics

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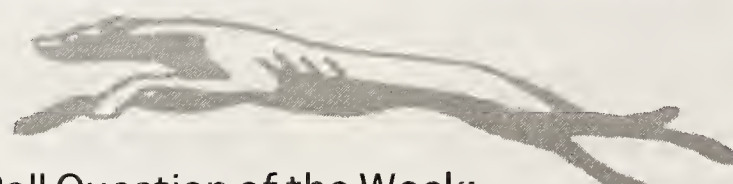
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### Poll Question of the Week:

#### What are you most looking forward to this Winter Break?

- Receiving an insane amount of presents.
- Snowboarding/skiing/sledding/snowman-building.
- Wearing ridiculous party hats on New Year's Eve.
- Eating a home-cooked meal and then going into hibernation until second semester.

Last Week's Results (results not scientific):

Let's try this again: Which class will score the most points at the rescheduled Fall Football Classic?

- Freshmen (16%)
- Sophomores (9%)
- Juniors (34%)
- Seniors (41%)



## Global Perspectives: Argentina's policies limit foreign trade

Despite substantial economic growth since the crisis of 2001, Argentina has struggled with stagnating GDP growth, inflation, foreign investment difficulties and, now, the current international debt crisis. The country's President, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, is attempting to boost the

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economy through interventionist policies that are highly criticized by the international community. Fernández's policies are characterized by price controls, tense relations with the IMF and the establishment of state-owned companies at the expense of foreign businesses.

Fernández's political problems began with a tax controversy only four months into her presidency. In March 2008, she attempted to increase export prices with the intention of making products cheaper for Argentine citizens. Consequently, the measure provoked a devastating reaction from food producers: a series of strikes that temporarily halted the flow of meat and grain supplies within the country. The farmers stress that not only do the tax increases cut into profits, but they also discourage foreign investment. Alexei Barrionuevo, a reporter for *The New York Times*, indicates that agricultural booms shortly after the crisis have made Argentina "a leading food source in a world racked by hunger and rising food prices." Barrionuevo explains that because of the export conflict in Argentina, international companies began pouring more money into Brazil. The export tax increase would certainly discourage the continued growth of the Argentine agricultural sector.

Tensions with the farmers have affected the president's popularity, which is currently at about 20 percent. The attempt to

raise export prices failed miserably, especially after Julio Cobos, the country's vice president and Fernández's political "partner," voted against the measure this past July. Cobos has also openly criticized Fernández's recent decision to nationalize \$25 billion worth of private pension funds, another political move that discourages foreign investment.

*The Economist* indicates that Argentina is extremely vulnerable to the effects of the international financial crisis. Commodity prices, along with exports to the EU, have dropped substantially. Due to the economic troubles of 2001, Argentina has no access to international credit. As a result, Argentina will have difficulty paying off its debt, which is currently at about \$28 billion.

Fernández's attempts to combat the potential economic crisis with a New-Deal-type plan that will "promote employment, production and consumer confidence." The plan involves increasing public sector jobs from 362,000 to about 770,000 and creating "incentives" for small- to medium-sized companies to hire more workers. The companies that cooperate will "only be required to pay 50 percent of related labor taxes the first year and 75 percent the second year." Also, companies willing to repatriate capital will only be charged 1 to 8 percent in taxes. Companies willing to invest repatriate funds to local markets will be charged even less.

While many local businesses approve the economic incentives implemented by Fernández, the international community is concerned about fair competition. Apparently, Fernández's plan does not involve verifying the source of repatriated funds, which could potentially result from money laundering and drug trafficking.

Although the international community is rightfully concerned about Argentina's economic future, Fernández's policies should

come as no surprise. The economic credit burst of 2001 was provoked by declining foreign investment. As a result of a declining currency, Argentina was unable to pay off its massive debt, which was at about \$95 billion at the time. Foreign investors lost confidence and began withdrawing large amounts of money, exchanged pesos for dollars and sent the money out of the country. Among those investors were large American corporations. The international community is quick to criticize Argentina's policies, but often fails to recognize its role in provoking the crisis in the first place.

Fernández de Kirchner's election is due in part to her husband's success as President. Nestor Kirchner, who became President in May 2003 and is credited for ending the economic crisis, employed similar protectionist economic policies. During his administration, the devalued peso made Argentine exports cheaper and created a trading surplus that began pouring money back into the country. With this situation, Kirchner encouraged import substitution, an economic policy which attempts to reduce foreign dependency through production and trade of products. Kirchner's policies eventually stabilized the currency, finally ending the crisis.

Nestor Kirchner's success exposes Fernández to intense criticism and scrutiny by both Argentinean politicians and the international community. Protectionist policies worked well in the previous administrations, but this was due in part by a decline in export prices. For economic growth to continue, Fernández may have to reconsider her protectionist positions and adjust to the needs of various sectors that could benefit from facilitated foreign trade.

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## Measuring up college tuition costs pierces national problem

BY THE EDITORIAL BOARD  
THE DIAMONDBACK

If you feel like the cost of college is becoming (or already is) prohibitively expensive, you aren't alone. A national report conducted by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education found the price of college tuition and fees increased 439 percent from 1982 to 2007, while the median family income increased only 147 percent over the same period.

The report, *Measuring Up 2008*, analyzes and ranks the relative strengths and weaknesses of higher education in every state and against countries around the world. According to its findings, this state has one of the strongest profiles in the country, in many respects. For example, Maryland has one of the highest percentages of residents with a bachelor's degree and strong preparation of young people for college—the state is No. 1 in student performance on Advanced Placement tests.

But Maryland is rated as an unmitigated failure in affordability, alongside 48 other states that receive F's in the category; California squeaks by with a C-, the only passing grade. A *New York Times* headline starkly sums up the finding: "Higher Educa-

tion May Soon Be Unaffordable for Most Americans, Report Says." The message is clear: Despite our state's academic strides, college is unaffordable here, and it's unaffordable across the nation.

On July 2, 1862, former President Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Land Grant Act into law. The law recognized the United States' need for advanced agricultural science, at the time a vital part of the country's economy. Accordingly, it provided for the creation of most of today's top public universities, including this one.

We find ourselves in a similar situation today. It is universally recognized that the United States is competing in a global economy. It is no longer enough to have an elite group of the best and brightest; the jobs that don't require advanced education are increasingly outsourced overseas. To compete in the global marketplace, Americans need access to higher education. Right now, they don't have it.

This is not a Maryland problem or a North Carolina problem or a Michigan problem—it is an American problem. And a national problem requires a national solution. President-elect Barack Obama campaigned on the "American Opportunity Tax Credit," which offers \$4,000 toward tuition

costs. That amount only dents college costs that have risen more than 400 percent—it is a step in the right direction, but it will take more than a tax credit to make this the land of opportunity.

### Wanna "bark back?"

#### "Speaking Out"

*What should colleges do to help alleviate the high costs of college education?*

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## On The Quad

If you were a superhero, who would you be?

By Valerie Hardt



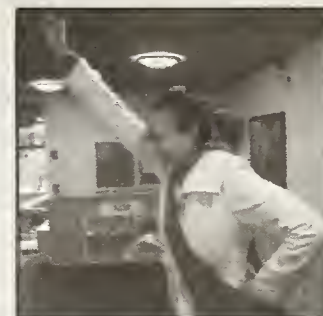
"Catwoman; I love how stealthy she is. She can get in anywhere."

Karon-Ann Samuels, '12,



"I would definitely want to be Superman."

Kara Wilhouski, '12,



"Obama. I feel like he's a superhero; he definitely has superhuman powers."

Esther Lykes, '12,



"Batman, because he's cool and rich and human, without any extra powers."

Harry Wong, '12,

Do you have creative ideas for "On The Quad"?  
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## Politicize This: On campus unity, community and academic freedom

In recent weeks, much has been said about the new Loyola Pledge for Unity and the lecture given by economics professor Walter Block of Loyola University New Orleans. For whatever it's worth, as both a signer of the Pledge for Unity and a student troubled by the response to Block's lecture (albeit for a different set of reasons), I'd like to offer some perspective on the events of the past month. It should

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be noted that I didn't have the opportunity to attend Block's lecture when he came to campus, and that much of what I have gathered about the campus tensions in the wake of this year's presidential election was a collection of hearsay. Admittedly, hearsay isn't exactly a great means by which to gather and disseminate information; but, I take what I have heard on good authority, as I trust the judgment and opinions of the students I have talked to.

The question, then, is why I signed the Pledge for Unity. Many students have criticized the Pledge as useless and fickle, something unnecessary on a Jesuit campus where the practice of community should be alive and well. There's something to that; why put in words something that people are doing—or should be doing—anyway? Why write down that members of this campus should respect differences of opinion and not belittle on the basis of superficial notions like skin color, gender or sexual orientation when we're supposed to do that anyway?

My motivation was driven from two places: JuicyCampus.com and certain pockets of rhetoric that cropped up after November 4. When I began hearing how, for instance, students on this campus were being called sluts by other Loyola students who were posting in anonymity on JuicyCampus.com, I was taken aback. After the election, when I heard that the Statue of Liberty was now going to become Aunt Jemima holding a chicken leg, and that because 10 black people (I'm substituting for a certain racial epithet) are incapable of running a White Castle, one black person is incapable of running our country, I was upset (irrespective of my political views).

An appropriate response to events of this sort is to ignore them outright. Comments like those just mentioned are juvenile and ignorant at best. Normally, this tactic would suffice; it's one I employ in those types of situations. But, I kept asking a follow-up question: if those types of comments and those practices are so juvenile—and if they're examples of behaviors we should already not be doing—why do they continue to happen? We have a great privilege by being able to attend a school like Loyola; we benefit from small class sizes, a small student body, an engaged professoriate (who can actually take the time to meet with us individually because of our small student-body size), myriad clubs and organizations that are easy to become involved in (again, because of our small student-body size) and an alumni community that networks with and helps out

current undergrads. There are perks to attending a smaller institution, and one such perk is this sense that we are all eager to assist each other; there is an inherent sense of community simply because there are so few of us. Why, then, would anyone want to jeopardize that and abuse that privilege by unfairly ridiculing fellow Loyola students?

But, while ensuring that a sense of community is maintained on campus, we must also be diligent to maintain a diversity of opinion and a feeling of academic rigor. I have to disagree with the way Loyola responded to Walter Block following his lecture in which he discussed wage disparities between men and women and white people and black people (I would encourage people to listen to a 2005 version of his lecture since I, being in slight disagreement with some of Block's views, do not wish to speak for him. The lecture can be found online). Indeed, Block's lecture focused on topics of a highly controversial nature, but I don't think he was trying to be blatantly sexist or racist (for example, by saying something to the effect that women are less productive than men merely because they are women).

For the school to apologize for Block's remarks as being sexist and racist, without providing the specific references to what he said and the manner in which he said it, is to disservice the student body, since it prevents us from thinking critically and independently about Block's remarks. An appropriate response to Block's lecture would have been to engage the campus in some sort of open, civil dialogue about what was said or to bring in an opposing speaker who challenged Block's views. By doing this, the truth behind various claims becomes open to debate, which is the purpose of higher academic institutions anyway—to find the nature of truth about a specific topic.

Engaging in debate of this kind is something Emory University President James Wagner calls civil honesty. In an article written last April for the *Journal of College and Character*, Wagner declares that civil honesty is at the core of what we know as academic freedom, which he says is “the right to be heard.” He says that those who practice civil honesty “practice academic freedom by engaging in discussions of the most difficult topics, doing so in a manner that keeps people with disparate views engaged and in the room.”

We keep people in the room by being willing to hear and weigh multiple viewpoints. But, people only stay in the room when they feel as if their views will be heard with rigor and respect. This erodes when we assault another's character, online or on campus, on the basis of superficialities like gender, skin color and sexual orientation; the differences among us do not equate to deficiencies. Our community erodes when we inhibit others' rights to be heard on the basis of those superficialities.

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## THUMBS

BY PROFESSOR PLUM AND MISS SCARLET

### Winter Wonderland

Did you see? It snowed over the weekend! Snow! It doesn't matter that it was only a light dusting; it was snow! Winter is here to stay: full of snowball fights, tubing and curling up close with someone for “warmth.” Snow hysteria will begin, as everyone cheers hoping that the last few days of class may get cancelled due to snow. Or better yet, a flash blizzard blankets the campus and finals are cancelled! Alas, besides delusions of grandeur, it is still nice to see snow and have the possibility of a white Christmas.

### Let The Stalking Begin...

I don't know how you possibly could've have failed to notice this, but on the off chance you did, the photo rosters for next semester's classes are posted up on Blackboard. (Insert gleeful cackle here.) But let me tell you of the woes of getting to be a senior: as the classes get smaller, the chances for glorious (nevermind fresh) eye-candy proportionately decreases. It makes my soul die a little bit. Okay, a lot. But, enough about me—Godspeed on the hours of bonafide stalkage that awaits you, comrade.

### Hearts Of Gold

Despite doing all the normal, every day activities of a normal college student, plus the added pressure of the finals' panic studying, people are still finding time to give back. Whether it be volunteering at a soup kitchen or a school, or buying gifts for a child in need this holiday season, we find it heartening that you're making time to make the world a more beautiful place. The world could certainly use more people like you.



### State Of Emergency

FINALS! We are all gearing up to take on the massive exams and projects that are worth some absurd amount of our final grade (20%, 35%, 65%, 110%). As we all sit and practice our math skills by calculating, (“If I got a 50 on that project and a 65 on the midterm, then I only need a 97 on the final.”) we try to stay focused enough to actually learn the material. Sure, we didn't buy the textbook, sure we didn't go to class...11 times, but stay hopeful, as miracles still happen. Soon finals will be over and our only objective will be sleeping and eating December away.

### Loyola's Newest Martyr: My Taste Buds

I never thought I'd live to see the day when I said, “I miss Primo's,” and yet, alas, here I am. On the oh-so-far-away East Side of campus, I long for the hot dinner station, the international food station, flatbread pizza, an expansive salad bar...Why, oh why, does Boulder have to be the Prodigal Son? And am I wrong to downright resent the Sushi station for not wanting to serve me roasted chicken, mashed potatoes and corn at night? I NEED MORE VARIETY IN BOULDER. I don't cook (nor do I ever, EVER want to cook) and I expect that the hoards of tuition money Loyola has taken from me could be put to better use: please give me some legit hot meals, there are only so many sandwiches a girl can eat.

### Falling Back On The Ex

The cold weather brings a nice cuddling atmosphere...until it leads you to go back to the ex for warmth. Sure She/he is there, calling you still after all these weeks, it doesn't matter if you go see them once; nothing will happen, and you won't see them again. Sooner or later you will fall back into old feelings, old habits and eventually fall into old annoyances. And then she starts nagging you about where you've been all over again, and you're not even fully back together. Just skip it all, and find a warm blanket for the lonely nights. It's not worth opening that floodgate.

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## Scripture readings and carols provide backdrop for "Lessons"

By ALANNA BATTAGLIA  
STAFF WRITER

As Loyola College students, faculty, family and members of the Baltimore community walked up the candle-lit steps to the chapel on Friday, December 5, 2008, a bitter gust of air blew through reminding Maryland residents that winter had finally arrived.

However, while parents bundled up their children's coats and students tied their scarves tighter, a sudden warmth began emanating from the double doors, just a mere couple of paces away. People were ushered inside with such resounding hospitality that it could melt away anyone's wintry day blues.

Festively dressed members of Campus Ministry, the Student Government and the Center for Community Service and Justice had been standing at the doors welcoming people to one of Loyola's most successful programs.

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual festival of Lessons and Carols, a Loyola tradition supported by the Class of 2012, is a service that follows the story of Christmas through different scripture readings and carols. However, this ceremony encompasses more than the average Christmas service may. An anticipated element of the service is the program of "Presence for Christmas."

This event, sponsored by the Class of 2011, creates a partnership between the Loyola community and the less fortunate residents of Baltimore. In "Presence for Christmas," students and faculty can sign up to purchase gifts for underprivileged children in order to give them the Christmas joy that much of society experiences every year without question. During Lessons and

Carols, individuals carry their presents to the front of the chapel where they can place them under the lighted tree, following Christmas tradition.

That excitement that individuals experience on the walk to class the morning after the staff has decorated the campus for Christmas

out so everyone could get involved. Finally, after the amount of people filing in began to decrease, the service began.

George Miller, interim director of Campus Ministry, made the opening comments to the audience. He spoke briefly, reminding everyone to keep the true meaning of

that came with the birth of Jesus. Halfway through the ceremony, "The Ukrainian Bell Carol" was played by The Loyola Hand Bell Choir, which deserves a specific notation, as this piece without words was one of the most powerful renditions of the night. Father Brian F. Linnane, President of Loyola College, finalized the lessons by giving the concluding one, concerning the mystery of the Incarnation.

However, before Fr. Linnane's last lesson, the presentation of the gifts occurred while the choir sang "The First Noel." Watching the remarkable amount of people that partook in this tradition was moving, illustrating the generosity of those that surround our college community.

Sophomore, and Campus Ministry intern, Keelin Boyle, stated, "Watching the amount of people that helped our cause was the best part of this ceremony. We are fortunate to go to a school where we can plan programs like this."

The festival ended with the sharing of the peace, where it was obvious that everyone was going to be leaving the ceremony in a lighter, more thankful Christmas mood. The clapping of the audience at the closing echoed throughout the chapel, long after the ceremony had ended.

For those who unfortunately missed this experience, the recorded version of the festival will be available for sale in the Center for Community Service and Justice, within the next two weeks. There are only 200 copies, so students and faculty should reserve them early. This infamous event will undoubtedly take place for many more years to come, so look out for it next year around the same time, as it is a ceremony that everyone should have the opportunity to experience.

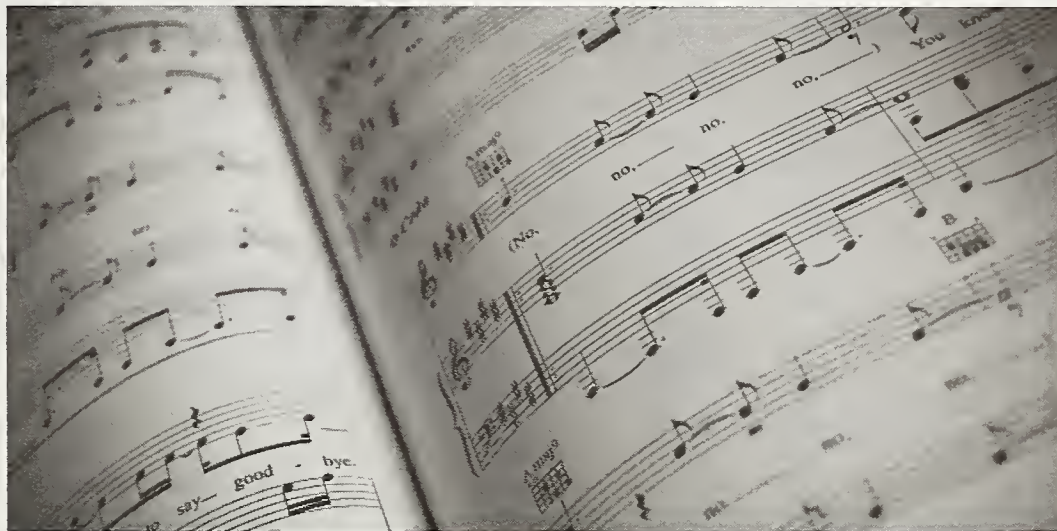


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**Last Friday night, the 20th annual festival of Lessons and Carols was performed at Alumni Chapel. George Miller, the interim director of Campus Ministry, made the opening comments that were followed by "Once in Royal David's City."**

only reappears when people are entering the chapel for Lessons and Carols.

Upon entrance, the pews are seemingly glowing from the candles lining each row while the large lit tree stands tall in the front, bare in anticipation of the gifts that are soon coming. Although the festival was not scheduled to begin until 5 p.m., at 4 p.m. seats were almost filled, and it was apparent that many onlookers would be standing for the two-hour service.

People were summoned in by the choir, whom had clearly been practicing for months in preparation for this night. Programs outlining the entire service were handed

Christmas in mind this holiday season. The Loyola Community bowed their heads in a moment of silence to appreciate the good fortune that surrounds the school's family, and to stay hopeful for those who may be underprivileged at the end of this year.

The lights dimmed and the choir opened with "Once in Royal David's City," their harmonizing voices filling the chapel, thus marking the commencement of Lessons and Carols.

There were nine lessons in total, each shared by a different member of the Loyola student body or staff. Each consecutive lesson told an imperative piece of the good news

## Popular songs balance with old favorites during a capella show

By JESSE DEFLORIO  
STAFF WRITER

On Friday night a sold out McManus Theatre was the setting for the annual Fall Semester edition of Chordbusters. As always, the show started with comedy skits from both groups. The Belles went first and told the story of an obsessed Chimes fan, played by junior Lindsay Gallagher. The skit caused cheers and laughter to erupt from the crowd; a trend that continued throughout most of the night. The Chimes skit was next, and was a conglomeration of numerous jokes based on events such as Plaxico Burress' arrest, the infamous Eastern Motors commercials, and even a jab at the name change to Loyola University. The skits did a great job at providing a light-hearted, friendly atmosphere for the rest of the night.

The Belles were the first to perform, and opened with a rousing rendition of Natalie Imbruglia's "Torn." Unfortunately, the rest of the Belles' set went downhill from there. The Belles sang a Christmas song with about as

much intensity as Ebenezer Scrooge himself would have, while their version of "Zombies" nearly left the crowd in a zombified state. Save for a powerful performance of George Michael's "Faith," which featured Belles' alumni joining the current group and Lindsay Gallagher's performance of Madonna's "Like a Prayer," the majority of the Belles' set felt weak and void of any passion.

The Chimes were on next, and right off the bat showed their carefree, fun-loving nature by entering through the audience and launching right into "Tubthumping" by Chumbawamba. Freshman Steve Dragone took on hype man duties for the song, running up and down the aisles during each and every chorus. The crowd's reaction after the song had to be one of the loudest McManus Theatre has heard in quite some time. Senior Jesse Hutchinson, who serves as President of the Chimes and later in the set performed a strong version of "Runaround Sue," seemed genuinely excited to welcome the sold out crowd to the event, which Hutchinson noted was the Chimes' 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



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**On Friday, McManus Theatre sold out once again for a winter serving of Chordbusters, a showcase of the work of the talented individual members of the Belles and the Chimes, Loyola's all-female and all-male a capella groups.**

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# Milk is a winning film biopic of a fallen American hero

BY TAYLOR DEBOER  
STAFF WRITER

*Milk*, which is now playing in theatres everywhere, is the story of the first openly gay elected official in United States history. Harvey Milk, who was born and raised in New York, migrated to the Castro district of San Francisco in 1970 with partner Scott Smith (played by James Franco in the film).

Gus Van Sant's motion picture follows Milk's move to the Castro district, his rise as a political leader and gay rights activist and his unfortunate assassination in 1978.

Van Sant has received universal acclaim for nearly two decades for his controversial films such as *My Own Private Idaho*, *Elephant* and *Drugstore Cowboy* as well as his more mainstream works like *Good Will Hunting* and *Finding Forrester*.

With a combination of both of his directing styles, Van Sant uses his penchant for the historically significant story of Harvey Milk to bring a pressing, controversial event to mainstream America. The openly gay director, Van Sant, has wanted to make a biopic about Harvey Milk for over ten years.

Although Van Sant's genius directing and Dustin Lance Black's screenplay formed the basis for this true account, it is Sean Penn's unrelenting interpretation of Harvey Milk that sets this film up for a very deserving Oscar nod.

Besides the fact that a skinnier Penn is

in America.

After over two decades of acting and directing, Sean Penn has become a household name and a Hollywood

eccentric twist to a very serious movie. The real slip-up for Van Sant and company in this film was their characterization of the very unstable city supervisor, Dan

really sad, here I am growing up in Palo Alto, 45 minutes away from where Harvey Milk lived and died and I wasn't taught anything about him."

Franco went on to say about how he wished he was taught about Harvey Milk in school growing up.

Franco explained that what really drew him to the movie was Gus Van Sant. He had grown up watching his movies and considered himself a big fan.

"When I was in high school in Palo Alto I would watch *Drugs for Cowboy*, *My Own Private Idaho*, repeatedly. This was before I was doing any acting- I just fell in love with his movies," Franco said.

When asked about the hype surrounding a Supporting Actor nod, Franco graciously replied,

"It's just such an honor. Anything I say is going to sound so stupid and cliché but it is really an honor. I believe movies are a director's medium, so if I believe that, then I have to realize as an actor that I have to turn everything over to the director."

Well, I think it is safe to say, that come April, *Milk* will be on the Oscar ballot, probably in more than one category.

It is imperative that the Harvey Milk story is brought to the forefront of popular media. The film is a triumph, and not only for its great cast and directing, but for its importance in society.



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**Academy Award winning actor Sean Penn stars as Harvey Milk in the newly-released biopic. Milk was the first openly gay elected official in United States history when he became the mayor of San Francisco. He was the victim of assassination in 1978.**

powerhouse for his ability to capture and encompass characters in a truly emotional fashion.

From his characterization of a racist murderer on death row in *Dead Man Walking*, to his portrayal of the troubled and edgy father of a murdered teenager in Clint Eastwood's *Mystic River*, Penn always delivers Oscar-caliber performances.

In addition to Penn, James Franco, Josh Brolin and young Hollywood maverick Emile Hirsch were among the cast. James Franco played the trustworthy and sometimes unappreciated Scott Smith, longtime partner of Harvey Milk.

He did an outstanding job and continues to show critics his versatility, coming off the universal success of "stoner" comedy, *Pineapple Express*.

Hirsch's character was also very well developed and he added a comical and

White. Brolin, who played a supporting character in 2007's Best Picture winner, *No Country for Old Men*, had an underdeveloped character in *Milk*.

There was so much left unsaid about White's unbalanced life and Brolin's acting potential was caged.

White's conservative lifestyle took a toll on his well being and there are even speculations that he was an alcoholic and homosexual himself. And although some of these themes are hinted at briefly in *Milk*, they appear random and out of place because his character was not fully developed.

In an interview on November 8, Franco explains that he knew little of the story of Harvey Milk before getting the pitch for the role of Scott Smith.

"One of the first things I did was watch Rob Epstein's documentary *The Times of Harvey Milk*, and it felt familiar," Franco said. "I recognized Harvey's face but I didn't know his story. And thinking back to it, afterwards I thought it was



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**James Franco stars as the longtime partner of Harvey Milk, Scott Smith. In another layered performance the actor continues to show his tremendous range in a praiseworthy performance. Franco may be considered for a Supporting Actor nomination at this year's Academy Award ceremony.**



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**The director of *Milk*, Gus Van Sant, is pictured above. The accomplished director has been at the helm for such groundbreaking films as *My Own Private Idaho*, *Elephant*, *Drugstore Cowboy*, *Good Will Hunting* and *Finding Forrester*. He has wanted to make a Milk biopic for over 10 years.**

the spitting image of the late Milk, he truly encapsulates all the stress and strife that Harvey Milk had to fight through to take a stand against homosexual discrimination



# The Reign of Kindo goes on tour to promote their latest album

BY MEGHAN HOLE  
MUSIC COLUMNIST

Uniqueness in the music industry gets bands noticed. Uniqueness in today's music industry is what is helping the Buffalo, N.Y. band The Reign of Kindo make their way up.

This five-man band uses all sorts of instruments, and combines them in a way that their music is soothing, yet fun and uplifting. They released a new album in August, and since then, have been on the road.

Last month, they even stopped at Fletcher's to play a show. I got to talk to Steve Padin, who plays drums and also does some vocals for the band. The other members are: Joseph Secchiaroli, vocals and guitar; Mike Carroll, guitar and sizes; Kelly Sciandra, piano; and Jeff Jarvis, bass and vocals.

**Meghan Hole:** Your music is very unique - what influenced you?

**Steve Padin:** The Pat Metheny Group, Dave Brubeck, Ryuichi Sakamoto; there are artists such as these that the entire band enjoys and draws musical influence from... but we all come from different backgrounds.

When it came down to write the Reign of Kindo music, I think what influenced how it came out the most was each of us incorporating our own tastes and our own backgrounds into one final result. The music really is a combination of what five different musicians want it to sound like, as opposed to having one common band goal of what the sound is going to be.

**MH:** What is your perception of music today?

**SP:** Well. There is still fantastic music being made today. Artists like Metheny

and Brubeck, as long as they are alive, will never stop blessing us with their genius. As far as what is popular and topping the pop charts and all that...its no secret that there is a formula at work.

Ironically, most times that formula has much to do with many things before the music is even given a thought. When you have a music industry whose sole concern is money, the big labels are going to only release what will be popular to the masses who have that money. And when the masses enjoy image and catchy and style and videos and simple and sexy and all that, well, there you go.

**MH:** Where did the name "The Reign of Kindo" come from?

**SP:** Japan.

**MH:** How long have you guys been a band?

**SP:** We've been playing as the Reign of Kindo for two years now. Most of us played in previous bands together for about three years before that, though.

**MH:** How was playing at Fletcher's? A lot of Loyola people have been there before.

**SP:** Fletcher's was a great show. I was sick out of my mind, but the crowd was fantastic. It is always thrilling when we play a show in front of people who are truly happy to be there, supporting what you're trying to do.

**MH:** What inspires you the most?

**SP:** Music. And our families, our faith in God, our friends and fans, video games, Chinese food and sizes.

**MH:** You recently released a new album, [have you] gotten any feedback?

**SP:** The feedback so far has been encouraging. There was one bad review... really, really bad review... in *AP* magazine.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE REIGN OF KINDO

Pictured above are the members of the five-man band, The Reign of Kindo, who hail from Buffalo, New York. Their unique style is characterized as soothing and uplifting. They mark The Pat Metheny Group and Dave Brubeck among their many influences. The Reign of Kindo's latest album was released in August, and they are currently on tour, even playing a show at Fletcher's last month.

We literally had to laugh at how much it seemed they hated the CD. It was honestly worth it though, because a lot of people that read that magazine actually ended up checking us out to see if we were as bad as the magazine said we were. We seemed to gain a good amount of listeners from it.

**MH:** Who are your biggest supporters?

**SP:** Our beautiful parents.

**MH:** Where are you all from?

**SP:** Buffalo, N.Y.

**MH:** Best show you've played to date?

**SP:** As far as performance, we are incredibly critical of ourselves and rarely ever talk about how well we played after a show, if we did at all. It's always about what we did wrong and what we have to work on. As far as audience and venue, there have been a couple of best shows. Our last show on the road in Boston was great.

**MH:** How did you all meet each other?

**SP:** Mike and I have been friends since third grade. The rest of the guys we eventually met through other local bands. We stole them.

**MH:** What's a favorite venue that you have played at?

**SP:** Schubas in Chicago was one - really any venue that has a great sound system and good food.

**MH:** Your music has a sort of jazz sound - is anything you play a kind of freeform jazz?

**SP:** We don't really consider ourselves good enough to label anything we do as jazz yet. It's an easy word to use to give people an idea of what we're trying to do, but when I hear the word jazz, I think of the greats. There is a jazz influence in our sound, but we're working hard at getting to the point musically where we can feel comfortable saying that anything we do is jazz.

**MH:** When did you release your debut EP?

**SP:** Fall of 2007.

**MH:** How did people react to it?

**SP:** There was a lot of surprise from people who were familiar with our old band's sound, as it was a bit of a departure from it. I think though that people soon after realized that this was exactly the kind of music we wanted to be making, and there ended up being a lot of good feedback from fans of the old band, as well as new listeners.

**MH:** How do song concepts come about for you guys?

**SP:** It is extremely collaborative. Whenever somebody brings an idea or starts jamming on something they like, it gets completely taken over by the band and we just experiment with it until we're all pretty happy with whatever compromise we end up with.

**MH:** What's it like hearing a finalized CD for the first time?

**SP:** You have the Pat Metheny Trio that recorded the entire *Day Trip* CD in one day. It is a much longer and more grueling process for us. Especially since we recorded both of our releases on our own. When you look back at all the hard work you've done and listen to the final mastered mix, and realize that it is worth it and this really is what you want to be doing with your life, it's a beautiful feeling.



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Including their latest album, the band also released an EP last fall. The recording process was markedly grueling for the band as they recorded both of these releases on their own.

*Have a band that you'd like to be featured in The Greyhound? Feel free to email me at [mehole@loyola.edu](mailto:mehole@loyola.edu) or let me know via Facebook or Myspace!*



# Holiday shopping is made easier with this list of must-buys

BY LANA RUSSO  
FASHION COLUMNIST

The holiday season is fast approaching, and as we nervously anticipate final exams, we also find ourselves stressing about what gifts to give this year to those we care about most.

The amount of pressure can be overwhelming, so I've comprised a list of items you can easily give to anyone in your life. You may even find yourself adding some of the following items to your very own gift list.

I've searched department stores almost everywhere and some of my favorite items available this year are the watches designed by Michael Kors.

On MichaelKors.com there's a selection of timepieces suitable for everyone in your life ranging from \$150-\$275. His watches are perfectly in style because they're oversized and encompass a quality that makes them look like they've been passed down for generations.

Michael Kors' watches are available plated in rose gold, yellow gold or silver, and are available in a variety of different color faces and shapes. I'm a fan of stand-out jewelry so my favorite item is his Oversized Gold Chronograph Watch which costs \$250.

With accessories this season bigger is better, so don't shy away from getting that someone special in your life something that is sure to make a statement.

For the female in your life, whether sister, significant other or friend, you can never go wrong if you buy any woman a wallet. Bluefly.com is known for their outrageous designer savings, and currently they're offering a sleek wallet by Shih ideal for the glamorous girl in your life who needs a lot of room when it comes to carrying credit cards and change.

This chic Shih "Diego Toto" wallet comes complete with small pyramid-studded accents and is available in three different colors of high-gloss patent leather: black, turquoise and purple.

My personal favorite is the purple version which sets off the wallet's gold

retails for \$199 is currently on sale for only \$149.

This camera captures high-resolution images, comes with automatic red-eye reduction and has a 12x available zoom. This particular model is available in five distinct colors: brown, light blue, light yellow, light

reading, and *Influence* highlights how the twins create their signature style and includes a compilation of never-before-seen photographs from the girl's personal collections, as well as intimate interviews with the girls' favorite fashion designers. The book is available online for \$35 and is sure to be the perfect holiday gift for anyone who wants an inside look into the world of fashion.

Men are often most difficult to shop for, and it's a fact that most men love golf, so in that same light the ultimate gift for golf-lovers this year is a book called *World Atlas of Golf: The Greatest Courses and How They are Played*.

Available at Barnes & Noble stores nationwide for \$28, this book includes striking photographs of the world's premiere golf courses in every region from Scotland to the Dominican Republic.

The book uncovers courses that pride themselves on brilliant architectural design, and while the information in the book is extensive, the striking pictures speak for themselves.

Due to the unfortunate state of the economy, the holidays this season will be full of sensational sales. Shop smart, and do your research. Don't purchase anything that isn't on sale because there are always other retail outlets to explore that will present better prices.

Giving gifts can be even better than getting them, so happy holiday shopping, and above all, remember it's still the thought that counts. It always will be.



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**This is the Shih Diego Toto wallet that comes with pyramid-stud design for the clasp and is available in high-gloss patent leather in black turquoise and purple. The wallet contains slots for credit cards, four other pockets and more compartments for maximum organization.**

accents flawlessly. The wallet comes with nine credit card slits, and four other pockets and compartments so your girl can stay organized while carrying around everything she could possibly need. This item retails at \$165 but is currently available on Bluefly.com for a reasonable \$99.

Have someone tech-savvy you're looking to give a gift to for the holidays?

Look no further than Best Buy. They're currently having a "hot deal" on the Canon PowerShot 8.0MP Digital ELPH Camera and they're offering free shipping with any online order. The camera which originally

pink and silver.

The fun colors make it easy to tailor this gift to anyone at any age, and the greatest thing is that a camera is the type of gift that keeps on giving.

Another present possibility I've discovered is the iLuck Leather Wraps Charm Bracelet available on shopintuition.com

This wrap bracelet is dainty and chic and every charm attached has significant meaning. Every piece of iLuck jewelry includes a charm in the shape of a watchful eye that is meant to keep negative energy at bay. This bracelet is available in black or brown leather, and includes meaningful tiny gold charms monogrammed with words like "Hope" and "Faith."

The iLuck bracelet normally retails for \$50, but I've discovered a coupon code that will get you 20% off any online order from ShopIntuition.com. The coupon code is "ADORE" so you can purchase this accessory for a mere \$40, and all shipping is free.

If you're really having trouble deciding what to give this year, the gift you can always resort to is a thoughtful book. For anyone in your life who loves fashion, shopintuition.com is also offering Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen's new fashion book entitled *Influence*.

I'm a huge fan of glossy coffee table

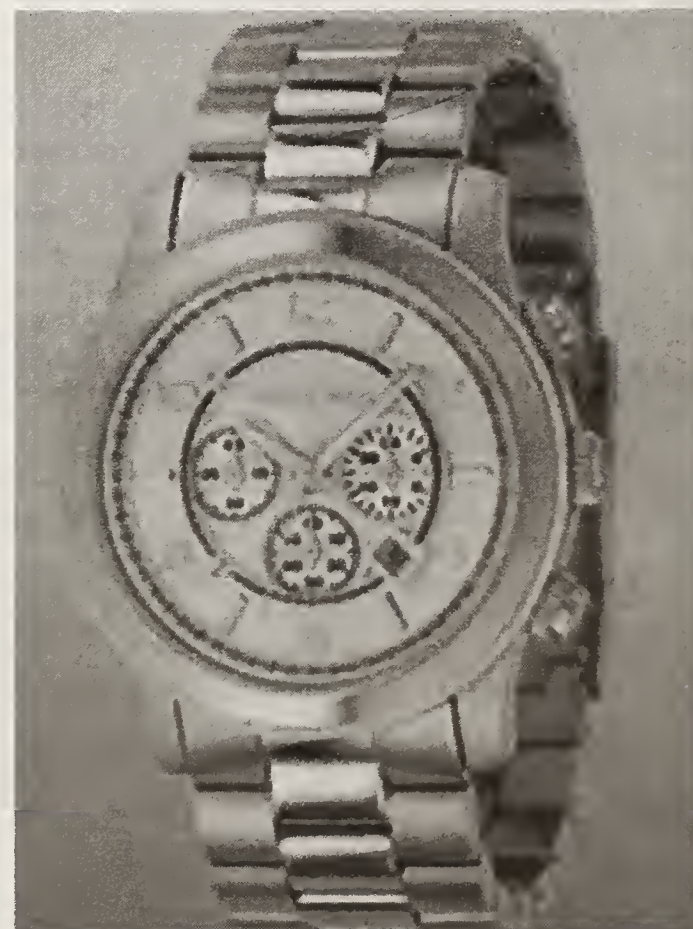


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**Pictured above is the iLuck Leather Wraps charm bracelet. The bracelet is available in black or brown leather and has charms including a "horseshoe" and a "watchful eye" that keeps the negative energy away from the person wearing it.**

*Check back next week for another fashion fix.*



# We Are Scientists talk music, chocolate chip bagels

BY ALLISTAIR JOHNSON  
THE DAILY FREE PRESS/UWIRE

Before their performance at the Orpheum Theatre last Thursday, I got a chance to talk with Keith Murray, lead singer and guitarist of the duo We Are Scientists, who are on tour with The Whigs and Kings of Leon. At a Finagle A Bagel around the corner of the Theater, Murray talked about a potential new addition to the band, explained the difficulties of playing a Halloween gig dressed as a ghost and shed some light on the "science" of the chocolate chip bagel just in time to catch The Whigs — his new favorite band — open the show.

MUSE: You and [band mate] Chris [Cain] met at Pomona College in California, but how did the band come together?

KM: The band was sort of the product of about 18 other failed creative endeavors that had nothing to do with music at all. There was a period where Chris and I were convinced we were going to publish a magazine, a period where we were going to be screenwriters, a point we were going to write a novel and then the band was just another crappy idea we had. It wasn't actually intended to be a career move, but it just happened to be the one thing that we did that actually worked out.

MUSE: What were your majors in college?

KM: I majored in literature and Chris majored in international relations

MUSE: If you were actually a scientist, what experiment would you want to be working on?

KM: This is more of a culinary science, but I'd like a chocolate chip bagel — I swear this isn't just because we're at Finagle A Bagel — whose chips maintain their integrity, even past the boiling process.

In a chocolate chip bagel now, they're certainly not chips. I'd be spearheading a movement, if not actually solving the problem myself. I'd probably actually just be applying for the grants and spend a lot of the money while the actual team worked on the project.

MUSE: A lot of taste testing?

KM: Yeah, definitely.

MUSE: For this tour, did you change anything from past tours?

KM: We did change a drummer and added a keyboard player. We paid a little more attention to arrangement, whereas last time we just wanted to be loud and fast. That was really our big idea.

MUSE: Is the keyboard player permanent, or is he just on for this tour?

KM: I would say he's semi-permanent. Ideally, he'd be permanent. Now, he's not officially a member, but we have no intentions of letting him leave after this. He's not going anywhere.

MUSE: What's it like playing with Kings of Leon?

KM: It's fun. It's a good tour. Being the sort of band we are, which is fairly energetic, playing seated venues isn't always the most awesome thing in the world, but they're really fun guys. The actual social part is amazing, and it's awesome playing big places in the states, which we normally don't do.

MUSE: What's the craziest thing that's ever happened at a live show?

KM: At Constitution Hall in D.C., for some reason — and still to this day we haven't really figured out why — the lighting guy decided that he wasn't going to change the lights at all while we played. So when we walked on stage the lights were kind of bright white. There was a little blue, but the whole stage was basically a wash in bright light and it never changed the entire show.

For The Whigs he went nuts! He really liked The Whigs. I think he may have just left while we played, or something. I don't know what happened, but for the first song we were like 'Oh, this is a weird choice, but all right, he's going for something creative here.' Then, for the second song it just stayed the same and we were like 'OK, wait a minute.' Finally, by the fifth song, we were just mad, like 'I can't believe this guy — we're going to kill him.' But I'm sure he was bigger than us, so we didn't seek him out.

MUSE: Do you have a favorite song to perform?

KM: Not really, it changes. I'm into a song called "After Hours" right now. Usually the songs we play the least are the songs that I like to play the most.

MUSE: What bands are you listening to right now?

KM: A lot of The Whigs and a lot of Kings of Leon. I had never actually heard The Whigs before this, so I got their CD and I've been playing it nonstop. I am legitimately choosing to listen to them. I am listening to a lot of Chairlift, as well, from Brooklyn.

MUSE: Were you guys involved with any voting promotion, endorsing any candidates or getting young people involved with the election?

KM: No, we weren't. I mean, we talked a lot about it, but we weren't involved with any organized push.

MUSE: Are you happy with the outcome?

KM: Hell yes!

MUSE: Where do you hope to be a year from today?

KM: Hopefully we'll be releasing a new record, or it'll have been released a month or two before. That's a bit ambitious since we've written nothing for it yet, but this is our last tour for this record so after all of this it's time to work on the next record.

MUSE: If you could give one message to your fans at BU, what would you tell them?

KM: I would say never ever, ever, ever leave college. Never, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever leave college. Because,

you know what, I'm pretty much living a college existence right now and it's pretty good. I've done the other thing, I've done the real-world thing, and that wasn't fun. That was not fun.



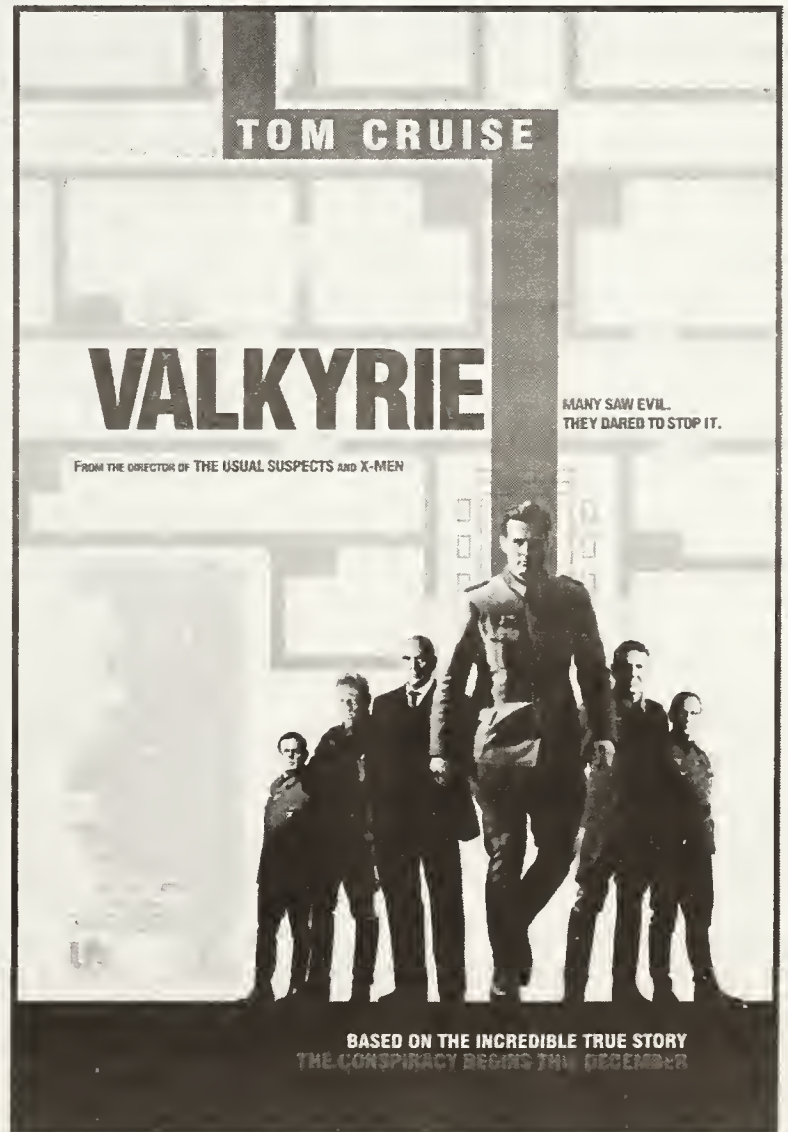
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We Are Scientists are currently on tour with The Whigs and Kings of Leon.



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## Christmas movie's characters too cliché

BY BRENNNA MCNAMARA  
KENT NEWS/ UWIRE

I wanted to like "Four Christmases." On paper, it seemed great. Holiday fun meets adult wit. The combination of Reese Witherspoon and Vince Vaughn, plus Oscar-winning actors. The fun in the bore of forced family gatherings.

I'm not scroogy enough to brush a movie off on the basis that it's cliché, family-oriented humor. I'm not mature enough to scoff Vaughn's sometimes frat-boyish, antic humor. I'm not above Witherspoon's cutesy chick-flick humor.

But all its credentials couldn't meld to make the movie what it should have been. It wasn't bad, but it just wasn't good either.

The downside: There was a huge contradiction between the somewhat bitter characters and family fun; the situations were far more than predictable and the characters had no depth. The upside: It's hard to expect a holiday feel-good movie to be deep. For what it's worth, it was entertaining.

The film opens with Brad (Vaughn) approaching Kate (Witherspoon) at a bar. The snobby Kate reveals she's a Wesleyan graduate from Connecticut, and says Brad doesn't have the balls she wants in a man.

He turns the tables, calls her a "bitch," kisses her and takes her to the bathroom for some fun. They go home together, and it's revealed they were role-playing.

Brad and Kate have been together for three years. The well-off, working San Francisco couple is perfectly fine where they are-not married, just in love and having fun.

Their relationship makes other couples jealous. I'm not going to lie, it made me jealous.

After three years, they still have so much zing: jumping on beds together, calling each other sweetheart and having amazing sex. But somehow it seemed a little unrealistic.

One of their fun activities is lying to their divorced sets of parents during the holidays, saying they are doing volunteer work in order to get out of holiday outings.

Talk of the excuses they come up with is

### Real Quick Facts:

*Four Christmases*  
Starring Vince Vaughn,  
Reese Witherspoon,  
Jon Voight  
Directed by Seth Gordon  
Rated PG-13  
Stater rating (out of five):  
★★ 1/2

hilarious. But for their fourth Christmas together, they're busted. In the airport, about to catch their flight to Fiji, they are on the news. Their families see and want them home for the holidays.

The rest of the movie is split into four parts, in which Kate and Brad hit the homes of each of the parents.

First is Brad's dad (Robert Duvall), a blue-collared, simple man. Brad's brothers are ex-cage fighters and provide some comedy with amateurish beat-ups on Brad.

Next is Kate's mom (Mary Steenburgen), a somewhat prissy, wealthy woman who takes every opportunity to expose Kate's fat, Monica Gellerish-childhood.

She takes the couple to her preacher boyfriend's church, which is one of the funniest parts of the movie. Then comes Brad's hippish mom (Sissy Spacek) who is dating Brad's childhood friend. This brings about the climax of the movie. Kate's dad (Jon Voight) finally comes in to provide much of the sentiment the movie needed at the end.

Overall, the movie was semi-enjoyable, but it had potential to be more. Taken for what it is, I'd see it again.

## Belles and Chimes prelude exams with holiday spirit and diverse song choices during Chordbusters

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performance.

Sophomore Timothy Halligan particularly enjoyed the Chimes' unique presentation of Phish's "Farmhouse" and Bob Marley's "No Woman, No Cry", as they performed both songs at the same time. "I think that 'Farmhouse/No Woman, No Cry' was clearly the highlight of their performance," says Halligan. The Chimes did another extremely creative presentation when they

sang the gospel song "Hush" and mixed in part of the rapper Afroman's version of the song. Their unique, thoughtful deliveries of their performances are what truly separate the Chimes from the Belles.

The Chimes' set also featured a magnificent vocal display by Wolfgang Tatschl during his performance of "Violet Hill" by Coldplay. Performing up to par with Coldplay's Chris Martin's vocals is no easy task, yet Tatschl not only matched

the vocals flawlessly but also provided a unique take on the song's chorus' vocal melody. The Chimes ended their set with a solid, passionate performance of "White Christmas," while decked out in gorgeously tacky Christmas sweaters, gloves and winter hats.

Sophomore Chime Jon Meoli was excited by his group's performance. "We were very pleased with how the shows went." Meoli also praised the efforts of both his fellow

Chimes as well as the Belles, saying, "Both groups put in a lot of hard effort, and the performances proved that it all paid off".

Ultimately, both groups did perform very well; however, the Belles' set is always widely critiqued, and this year, they simply did not do anything to prove their doubters wrong.

The Chimes' creativity and much more diverse song choice is always sure to please the entire crowd, and this year, once again,



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**Aries** (March 21-April 20) Love, friendships and sudden romantic promises are accented over the next few days. New relationships will quickly develop shared goals and vibrant passions. Remain cautious, however, and carefully consider all commitments.

**HOROSCOPES**  
By Lasha Seniuk/MCT

**Taurus** (April 21-May 20) Money restrictions and lingering debts will now fade. Unique sources of income, secondary job assignments or successful loan applications may soon take precedence. Carefully research all new business ventures, potential partnerships and private investments.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) Loved ones may this week request a detailed explanation of social promises or family decisions. Work schedules and planned celebrations will now compete for attention.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) Subtle romantic comments and coy remarks will this week need to be fully explored. Someone close may wish to encourage new levels of intimacy.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) Group events are socially complicated and highly political this week. After Monday expect private power struggles between friends or unusual romantic competitions in the workplace.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Discuss all business plans or proposed employment changes this week with close relatives and trusted friends. Over the next few days loved ones may feel unappreciated or socially isolated.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Vivid dream experiences and sudden emotional outbursts may be a brief theme over the next four days.

If so, expect romantic partners and long-term friends to openly compete for your loyalty or affection.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Minor home repairs or quick renovations may prove more costly than anticipated this week. After Monday, family spending and short-term budgets will require negotiations. Complete all projects and request timely approval from loved ones.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Early this week, a recently silent friend may voice strong opinions. Areas of concern involve romantic triangles in the home, repeated social patterns or the unproductive relationships of family members.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Business speculation, workplace gossip or rare job opportunities should this week be kept private. Over the next three days new colleagues may attempt to take advantage of unusual political triangles.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Past friendships or postponed relationships now require completion. Old lovers or distant friends may this week return or demand detailed explanations of yesterday's decisions. If so, don't be drawn into unproductive discussions or rekindled passions.

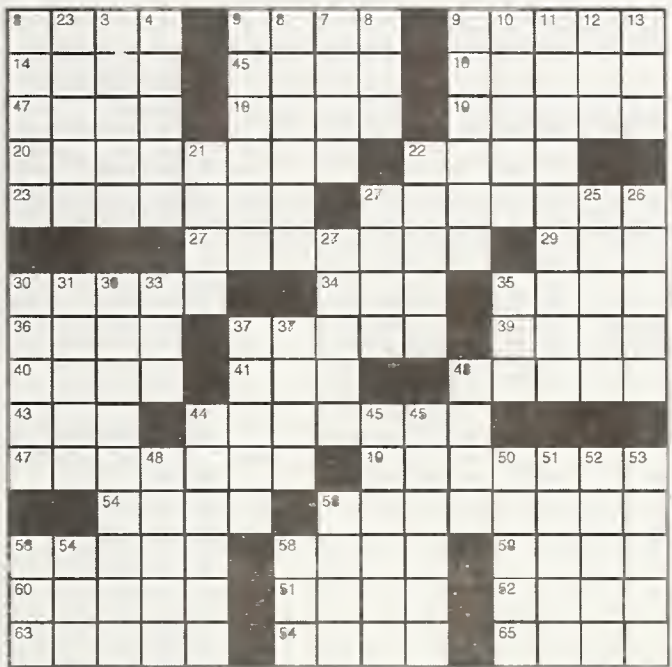
**Pisces** (Feb. 20-March 20) Unexpected payments or delayed contracts may be bothersome over the next four days. Financial aspirations and business options will now need to be temporarily adjusted. Ask loved ones for detailed advice.

**If your birthday is this week...** workplace discussions and business negotiations may be misleading over the next few weeks. Before mid-month expect older colleagues or trusted officials to provide faulty information or vague instructions.

Crossword

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- 1 Pretense
  - 5 Greenish blue
  - 9 Chevys and Caddies
  - 14 Large book
  - 15 Carries laboriously
  - 16 Plait
  - 17 College credit
  - 18 Buddies
  - 19 Buffalo team
  - 20 Fiscal
  - 22 Young horse
  - 23 Multiplication result
  - 24 Techniques
  - 27 Street markets
  - 29 Cereal grain
  - 30 Saunter
  - 34 Evergreen tree
  - 35 Run in neutral
  - 36 Cash on the Continent
  - 37 In a very cool manner
  - 39 Bring up
  - 40 Trimming sound
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  - 54 W. mil. alliance
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  - 58 Sub seller
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  - 63 Oil-bearing rock
  - 64 Engrave with acid
  - 65 Tenant's payment

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  - 6 Crystalline mineral
  - 7 Unsightly
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  - 9 Monastery leaders
  - 10 Heep of Dickens
  - 11 Unreasonable demand
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Solutions to Last Week's Puzzle

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- 45 Scottish language
- 46 Full of lively mischief
- 48 Birth-related
- 50 Blunder
- 51 Courageous
- 52 Poe's bird
- 53 Standing ready
- 55 Remainder
- 56 Some degs.
- 57 Wednesday
- 58 Conk out

*Flyboy decided to skip out on his exams and take an early vacation. Check back next semester for more misadventures and moments that make you go "Aww."*





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## Hounds still searching for first MAAC victory of 2008

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In their first MAAC contests this season, the Loyola Men's Basketball team lost 75-68 to Siena on Wednesday before falling 91-75 against Niagara on Sunday in Reitz Arena.

The Greyhounds (2-7, 0-2 MAAC) came out flat against Niagara on Sunday, as the Purple Eagles raced out to an early 8-0, forcing Loyola head coach Jimmy Patsos into an early timeout. It was not long before Patsos was stopping play again, however, as a Bilal Benn steal and transition layup extended the Niagara lead to 12-2, drawing another stoppage.

The Purple Eagles would extend their lead to 14 at 26-12 before Patsos' third timeout of the game awakened the Greyhounds. Loyola began to battle back thanks to two threes from senior Marquis Sullivan and an emphatic slam from sophomore Issac Reid, cutting the Niagara lead to within 11 on four different occasions, but the Purple Eagles' first half dominance on the boards led to 22 points in the paint compared to Loyola's six



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**Greyhounds' Brett Harvey valiantly struggled against Siena's Purple Eagles but failed to defeat the more experienced team.**

and a 50-31 halftime lead. Patsos' squad responded to the opening whistle of the second half, showing the energy clearly lacking in the first by attacking the offense's glass en route to 20 points in the paint. Loyola's pressure defense and strong rebounding led the way for the Greyhounds to pull within eight points at 63-55 with 11:30 remaining, but Niagara sensed the Greyhound spark and promptly extended their lead back to a double-digit advantage, eventually reaching 20, resulting in a 91-75 victory.

"I know this may be hard to believe," Patsos said, "but I am very pleased with the way the guys handled themselves today. It is a good game to learn from against one of the best teams in the MAAC. We are 0-2, but

we played the two best teams so far and we played with them. That is a promising sign from a young team. I was very proud that we battled in the second half and actually won the half. We are getting better every game."

Niagara's 6'10" senior forward Benson Egemonye proved too much to handle on the inside, since Loyola's lack of a true physical force on the inside was exposed all day long. Egemonye scored 21 points himself, but his presence in the middle of the Niagara defense lead to three blocks and countless altered shots. Most of Loyola's points in the paint came with Egemonye on the bench.

Other double digit point scorers for the Purple Eagles were Benn with 23, Anthony Nelson with 20, and Tyrone Lewis and

Demetrius Williamson with 10 points each.

Junior Brett Harvey led the Greyhounds with 27 points and led the offense in the second half, as sophomore Brian Rudolph did not play a single minute.

"Brett Harvey continues to be the second toughest player I have ever coached to Steve Blake. He is a scrappy, tough, never-quit player, and he continues to be the face of Loyola basketball. Brett is our leader and will lead us for the rest of the year."

Sullivan added 13 in support of Harvey and was matched by Jamal Barney's 13 points on a 6-20 shooting performance. Seeing increased time again were freshmen Josh Wiegand and Anthony Winbush.

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## Women's basketball continues winning streak in MAAC play over the weekend



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**Erica DiClemente and the Hounds played two successful games at Reitz this past week.**

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After what appeared to be a disappointing loss to rival Mount St. Mary's, Coach Joe Logan and the Loyola women's basketball team maintained their faith and staged one of the most exciting comebacks in recent years at Reitz arena in dramatic fashion.

After falling down by eight points with just over two minutes remaining, the Greyhounds found a way to take advantage of the Mountaineers' mistakes and took the lead with 10 seconds left when sophomore Meredith Tolley converted on a layup and eventually won the game 55-54.

"I give our team a lot of credit after today's game," said Coach Logan. "We never gave up, and we showed a lot of heart by playing tough late into the game."

The opening of the contest began very slow and saw many sloppy offensive possessions. After nine minutes in the first half, Loyola was shooting just over 18 percent from the field as Mt. St. Mary's led 10-4. Despite the lackluster performance, the Hounds battled tough and started to see their shots fall.

Senior Siobhan Prior poured in eight consecutive points, to give Loyola a 21-17 lead with 6 minutes remaining before halftime. However, the Mount proved they prevail as they displayed great touch from the floor and played great team defense, holding the Hounds to just two more points for the rest of the half.

The opponents scored 12 of the last 14 points before the half en route to a 29-23 lead. Adding to the deficit, junior Erica DiClemente went down hard on a driving shot attempt and had to be assisted off of the floor as she

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# Harvey's 27 not enough

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"I really like the way our young guys are developing. Both Wiegand and Winbush are earning more minutes and contributing when they step on the floor. They will only get better and better as the season progresses, and I am excited for their futures. The same goes for Barney; I am ecstatic to have him for three years. He is going to be a very good player for us."

The Greyhounds returned home to Reitz Arena after being away from home for 17 days to face the pre-season MAAC favorite Siena Saints. The young Loyola squad showed grit but fell to the veteran Siena team 75-68.

"A young team will grow by playing good teams, and we're playing very good teams," Patsos said. "I believe in our players, and I'm going to continue to believe in these young guys."

Siena was led by the frontcourt of Edwin Ubiles and Alex Franklin with 20 and 21 points respectively. The Saints, who made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament last year, basically led the entire game, stretching their lead to as many as 12.

The feisty Greyhounds fought back and tied the game at 54 with a Brad Farrell baseline jumper, with 7:29 remaining in the second half. The Saints then put the Greyhounds away with a 14-2 run.

Loyola has had trouble with turnovers in their previous early season losses, and the Siena game was no different. The Greyhounds turned the ball over 17 times in the loss.

Jamal Barney made a splash in his MAAC debut with a double-double of 20 points and

10 rebounds, outplaying Siena's MAAC pre-season player-of-the-year Kenny Hasbrouck. Brett Harvey also had 15 points and five assists. Barney and Harvey were the lone offensive bright spots of the game.

Foul trouble plagued the Greyhounds frontcourt of Jawaan Wright and Isaac Reid all night. Wright fouled-out with 8:38 remaining in the game, and Reid spent most of the game on the bench with four fouls.

During Loyola's comeback in the second half, they cut back on turnovers, and Harvey started playing aggressively, pushing the ball on fast breaks and taking the ball strong to the basket.

With this young team, the Greyhounds should still take some pride in small victories, such as out-rebounding a bigger Siena team by 10 without the aid of Wright and Reid.

Siena was another tough team that Loyola had to face in their brutal early-season schedule.

"Can I get a team that hasn't been to the NCAA tournament in the last three years?" joked Patsos.

Although the Greyhounds are struggling in the early part of 2008, the team certainly has not lost any confidence in their own abilities.

"Each year, we've lost our first game in MAAC," said Loyola guard Brett Harvey. "But if you look at the last couple years, our teams get better as the season goes on."

The Greyhounds play one game before Christmas break on Wednesday against cross-town rival Coppin State. The 7 p.m. contest takes place in Reitz Arena and will be televised on MASN.

# Women stage brilliant comeback

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would not play for the rest of the game. "They were going at our post players, both Meredith and Kaitlin.

It was hard to get them the ball as they did a great job of defending them. We talked at halftime about making sure we helped them out," stated Logan. "We also were trying to play too perfect offensively. Trying to do too much with one-on-one matchups. We made a much better adjustment in the second half of communicating and sharing the ball."

After regrouping during the half, Loyola began the second period of play looking to go on the offensive. A nifty acrobatic lay-up from sophomore Candice Walker in which she slashed through two defenders, and beautifully executed pass from Walker to junior Kaitlin Grant resulting in a lay-up cut the Mount's lead to four at 33-29.

Coming so close to taking the lead, 40-38 on another Walker layup, the Hounds could not do so as the mountaineers climbed their way back to having a more secure lead at 48-38 with seven minutes remaining. The next five minutes of play saw both squads exchange hard-fought baskets, but the game seemed out of the Hounds' hands as sophomore Mary Dunn connected on two free throws for MSM to give them the 8-point lead.

What occurred for the remainder of the game can only be described as inspiring. Despite their deficit, the Hounds never lost focused and made smart heads-up plays to pull off the comeback win. Grant and freshmen Miriam McKenzie converted 1-of-2 free throws, and after Prior made a great steal, she was fouled on her way to making

a fastbreak layup. She would go on to make both shots with just 50 seconds remaining on the game clock.

Grant, pulling down her 13th rebound, went up huge on the offensive end and put in a layup cutting the MSM lead to just two with 34 seconds left. Eager to get a steal Coach Logan instituted a full-court press and sure enough, Walker knocked the ball out of senior Brianna Gauthier's hands, and Prior came up with a steal and passed the ball back to Walker in transition, who was fouled by Gauthier.

After making the first free-throw, Walker missed the second but the ball bounced off of a MSM player giving the possession back to the hounds. With just 26 seconds left, Grant drove down the left side of the lane, and scanned the floor to find an open Tolley on the right side who made a cut to become open. Tolley banked in the game winner to seal the win.

Grant, who was named the MAAC player of the week coming into the contest, proved her dominance in the paint by recording an impressive 11 points and career-highs 13 rebounds and dishing out 5 assists. Prior added 12 points to the winning effort.

"I'm very proud of myself. Today was a day that I needed to step up. However, today was most importantly a team win. Everybody did their part to bring us back and get the win," stated Grant. "We just continue to work hard and prepare ourselves for what is going to be a grueling MAAC season."

After setting a career high in points on Friday night, Prior continued her hot streak on Sunday afternoon by scoring 20 points,

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# Monumental Season Ends In Heartbreak for Mettrick and the Regular Season MAAC Champs

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The nation's best regular season record at 17-0-1, MAAC regular season champions, number one in the North Atlantic national rankings for the duration of the 2008 season, six weeks spent in the NSCAA/Adidas poll, holding a No. 6 national ranking and No. 4 spot in the RPI, and a first round bye in the NCAA College Cup. With all of those impressive statistics, would it seem reasonable for this team to go 1-2 in the postseason?

That is the result of the Loyola men's soccer team's season, as the Greyhounds suffered tough losses in the MAAC Championship against Fairfield and again in the second round of the College Cup to a scrappy UNC Greensboro squad.

For as strong as the Greyhounds played against Niagara in the MAAC semifinals, the Hounds were simply flat in their contest against the Stags. The Greyhounds showed signs of complacency in their 1-0 loss, which many considered to be a wake-up call and possibly a good loss to get the team's head back into the game after ruining their perfect season. At the same time however, this loss forced them into the battle with

Greensboro.

The Greensboro contest summed up the season perfectly, as the team came out flying in the first half, to the tune of four quality chances, two or three of which should have been converted. The Hounds only took one chance, however, and held a 1-0 break at the half.

For all of the disruption and pressure Loyola applied in the first half, the weary Greyhounds appeared in the second half, allowing Greensboro to equalize in regulation, and then find a winner in overtime on two terrible goals. Mettrick and co. were forced into tough situations in the midfield all season due to injuries and inconsistency, and the disappearance of pressure in the center of the park ultimately did the Hounds in.

"What is so frustrating to us is the fact that we had that game by the scruff of the neck and could not put it away," head coach Mark Mettrick said. "We worked very hard to prepare for that contest after our disappointment against Fairfield, and to have that game in our hands and let it slip really hurts. If we would have scored even once more before the half, who knows how it would have turned out."

Regardless of the loss, it is true that the Greyhounds' 2008 campaign was a

monumental one, to say the least. Reaching the second round of the College Cup for the second straight year is a nice accomplishment, and the national attention will do wonders for recruiting and alumni support.

"It was a very disappointing end to our season, but it was a successful season nonetheless," Loyola men's soccer head coach Mark Mettrick said. "We still held a great position in the rankings throughout the season and were undefeated in the regular season. The team really accomplished an unbelievable feat, winning 18 games (18-2-1) and getting into national consideration."

Looking back on the season, possibly the most important item to reflect on is the fact that the Greyhounds return at least nine starters from this past season, with the only exceptions being the graduation of Josh Taylor and the possible departure of goalkeeper Milos Kocic for a professional career. All in all, the postseason experience for this previously inexperienced squad might turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

"What is most difficult about losing those two key players is the loss of their personalities. Obviously Milos and Josh were two of our best players and that showed on the pitch, but their presence off the field and in the locker room might have been more

important. We need the rest of our corps to step up and fill in the void, and I think our guys are definitely capable of that."

As is the goal for any program, Mettrick looks to the future to solidify the Loyola soccer program. After the heartbreaking end of the 2008 campaign, the Greyhounds cannot wait to get back on the pitch and prove that their final games were nothing but a fluke.

"We want to be national contenders year in and year out. To me it is not about single seasons, but about periods. Getting in the tournament one or two years is nice, but we want to grow this program and get into the national spotlight. Our challenge is to keep competing at a national level and with our strong core we are in a position to do that."

Only time will tell whether Mettrick's goal will come true, but anyone certainly has to like the Hounds' chances. The importance of playoff experience cannot be understated, and adding another year of experience to a team returning eight different all-MAAC selections should only pave the way for more of the same in 2009. Three NCAA appearances in three years to go along with a MAAC title would be the beginning of Mettrick's period of success, and it certainly seems achievable.



## Hounds beat out Rider at Reitz

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helping the Loyola women's basketball team defeat the visiting Broncos from Rider University 86-78. The 86 points is a season high in points for the Hounds, and their 11 steals tied their season high. "This game is a credit to the kids. They have been working a lot on their shots on their own time, and their hard work to starting to pay off," Logan said.

Walker got things started off for the Hounds as she converted on an up-and-under basket, then stole a ball from a Rider player and went coast-to-coast to put in a layup. Rider would initially push ahead of Loyola 21-16 after a pair of baskets, but a series of plays including a driving layup from McKenzie would cut the lead to one at 21-20 with seven minutes remaining. This is when the Hounds hot shooting put them in the lead over Rider for good.

A three pointer from Prior gave Loyola a 30-25 lead, and just before the half, Walker back-tapped a ball away from a Rider player, grabbed the loose ball and made a layup to give the home team a 39-33 lead at the break. Both squads didn't miss many shots as Loyola shot 50 percent from the floor, whereas Rider shot 55.6 percent.

Needing her to step up, Logan got the play from Prior that he wanted. Two three-pointers in the early second half proved that her great shooting was no fluke. Right after Prior made her shot, Tolley nailed a deep three from the top of the key as Loyola showed off their vast scoring options.

"My teammates continue to find me, and I am making more open shots. We have really have been putting in a lot of extra work on our shooting, continuing to be able to knock down more shots in games," said Prior. "Everyone's pumped up right now. We all have been playing very well together, and we understand that each of us could step up and get our backs if one of us is not having a great night on the floor."

Rider would make one more effort to steal the win as they cut a once 13 point lead by Loyola down to one at 58-57 after a Shaunice Parker layup at the 9:48 minute mark. Just as great players step up when needed the most, Prior responded by adding a layup of her own to damper the Broncos' hopes of pulling off a comeback win. Another Loyola player shined in McKenzie, as she put in numerous baskets that made the game too far out of reach for Rider. Her play along with the dominating force of junior forward Kaitlin Grant put Loyola ahead by eight at 69-61. Finishing out the high scoring affair, Tolley made several big baskets despite being guarded closely by the opposition. "This team is very coachable. They're young, but they also have had a lot of experience from games that they were put in last year. It's great that if someone on the team goes down or is not having a good night, we can plug in another person into the lineup, and they step up," said Logan.

Loyola finished the game with four different players in double figure for scoring. The 11 points for McKenzie set a career-high and Walker's 14 points were a season high for the sophomore guard. Loyola will have to prepare themselves for their highly anticipated matchup with No. 8-ranked Maryland Terrapins. The game is slated for Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Reitz Arena.



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### Greyhound Miriam McKenzie.

Playing their first MAAC game of the season, the Loyola women's basketball team took control on the offensive end as they won 78-65 over Manhattan en route to shooting over 60 percent from the floor on Friday night.

Opening up the game, the Hounds made five straight shots, but, however, showed signs of faltering early as they gave up careless turnovers and found themselves in a 6-point deficit to the opposing Jaspers. Loyola would regroup and find their touch, as senior Siobhan Prior began her scoring spree as she took a pass from sophomore Meredith Tolley and drained a three-pointer on the left side to tie the game at 20. Loyola would go ahead by five when freshmen Mallory Lawes made a nice swipe at the ball and took the steal to the other side of the court where she made a layup while being fouled. The 27-22 lead with just over nine minutes remaining would be extended as Loyola went ahead by 9 after junior Ashley Alexander converted on a jumper and junior Kaitlin Grant added two more layups at six and a half minutes left into the first period.

Manhattan would not go down in the winding minutes of the opening period as they scored the games final 7 points to cut the Loyola lead to just three at 41-38.

After both teams spent some chalk talk time in the locker room, the game became very tight at 43-42 after a Manhattan player converted on two free throw attempts. Loyola's hot hand would be reignited as they poured in the next 14 points and played tough defense to combat any Jasper points.

Manhattan would come as close as six at 65-59 with six minutes left, but the hounds were too focused to let down their guard. Prior and sophomore Alex Berlin made layups, and Alexander stole a pass and went the length of the court to put in a layup giving Loyola a 12 point advantage with four minutes left in the contest.

The Jaspers did not have any fuel left in their tank as they were outplayed down the stretch of the game.

Prior set her career-high in points as she shot a blistering 9-11 from the floor and finished with 22 points. Alexander finished second in scoring for the MAAC opener

## An interesting strategy garners national attention

BY KYLE ANDERSON  
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It's not everyday that the Loyola men's basketball team makes national news, especially after a 30 point loss. But that's exactly what happened on Nov. 25 when the Greyhounds lost 78-48 at the hands of the then No. 25-ranked Davidson Wildcats.

While this may not sound like a particularly newsworthy story, it wasn't the score that garnered the national attention. It was the fact that Loyola's defense held the nation's leading scorer, Stephen Curry, scoreless, and the way they did it.

Loyola's Jimmy Patsos devised a rather unique defensive scheme in which Curry was double teamed throughout the entire game. This left three Greyhounds defending the remaining four Davidson players for the entire game.

The defense certainly shut down Curry, who didn't score in double figures for only the second time in his career, but it didn't slow down the rest of the Davidson offense.

In fact, after the first several possessions, Curry decided to stand in the corner of the court and let his team play 4-on-3, while two Loyola guards watched with Curry in the corner.

And it was quite obvious that Patsos was going to see his coaching move to the end of the game, despite the lopsided score.

Many questioned the move, especially when the Hounds were trailing 42-17 at halftime, but Patsos admitted himself that the move was a huge gamble.

"I know the fans are mad at me, but I had to roll the dice as far as a coach goes. I'm not some rookie coach," said Patsos. "If Oklahoma can't stop [Curry], how is Loyola College going to stop him?"

In the Oklahoma game that Patsos referred to, Curry cruised through the Sooners' defense for 44 points. He posted 39 earlier in the season against FAU and would go on to score 44 against NC State in the game

following the Loyola matchup.

Despite the huge numbers Curry has dropped on opposing defenses this season, many critics still question Patsos' play-calling. But when a player is shredding defenses left and right all season long, why not switch things up?

Patsos was trying to catch Davidson off guard with his constant double team of Curry, and for a few possessions it did. Loyola took a 9-4 lead to start the game, but Davidson answered Patsos' scheme with a heavy dose of Andrew Lovedale.

The powerful forward led Davidson with 20 points and 10 rebounds. And when Lovedale wasn't pounding the ball inside, junior guard Bryant Barr was busy hitting six uncontested threes.

After the initial 9-4 lead, the "Curry-less" Davidson went on an 18-0 run as three

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### Coach Patsos garnered national attention after the Davidson game.

## Women dash into winter track season opener

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The Hounds are back in action. Saturday saw many excellent performances as the Loyola women's track team opened their season at the Bison Opener, hosted by Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. this past weekend.

Coach Jackie Truncellito, former runner for Loyola's cross-country team, said the team exhibited a "well-balanced show of talent" in their first test of the season. The "Hounds" showed great potential, especially in the high jump, dashes and hurdles.

Leading the team were junior Kim Amaducci and senior Melanie Mitchell. Both Amaducci and Mitchell performed extremely well this weekend, finishing in the top ten in

the women's high jump.

Amaducci placed fourth, clearing the height of 1.55 meters, while Mitchell placed ninth, clearing the height of 1.50 meters.

Kristina Krupa also had a fantastic day at Bucknell. Finishing strongly in every event she participated in, Krupa's best time of the day came in the 400-meter dash, which she ran in 1:04.46.

"When taking on a new season, there are so many challenges and triumphs a team has to encounter. You can only hope to beat the challenges and fine-tune the triumphs. Overall, I am very proud of my girls and excited as to where our season is heading," said Coach Truncellito.

The Greyhounds don't compete again until after winter recess, when they will return to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania to compete in the Gulden Relays on January 10.



# Swimmers ride wave of victory

BY PAT TAYLOR  
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For the second time this year, the Loyola Men's Swimming and Diving team took a win away from a meet with Marist, while the women H2Ounds came away with their first against the Red Foxes. Villanova and Delaware were also present at the H2Ounds Invitational in Baltimore, with the men's team claiming the result against Villanova. Both the men's and women's teams fell to Delaware.

"We collectively had a great weekend," Head Coach Brian Loeffler said. "I am so proud of the team."

It did not start out so great, with the H2Ounds beginning with a shaky start. Soon the women found their groove and claimed a series of events. Freshman Lauren Mahi was the main catalyst for the comeback, setting a school record in the 100 free with a time of 53.11. She also swam to the second fastest time in school history in the 50 free and took first in the 400 free.

Sophomore Caitlin Cassidy also had a big weekend for the women, claiming first place in the 100 back and second place in the 100 yard butterfly. Freshman Mary Henkles placed second in the 100 back.

"This was a great victory for the women, we were down after the first session but rallied the second day to come away with the victory," said Loeffler.

The men also had a big weekend at the

Invitational. The Greyhounds swept the top spots in the 100 breast, with sophomore Matthew Fralinger taking first with a time of 58.01. Sophomore Colin Chenet finished second followed by senior E.J. Verrico in third.

Sophomore Ozzy Torres continued to have an impressive season, taking first place in the 200 Fly on Saturday night. He recorded a time of 1:52.72, his second fastest all-time record. Sophomore Jacob Drannan finished second in the 200 Fly.

Fralinger and Chenet swam impressively in the 200 Breast and again finished first and second. This was an important victory, as it brought the Greyhounds within 19 points of Delaware. The 400 Relay was the final event, and the H2Ounds came up just short, gaining 16 of the 19 points needed.

"We were down by 19 points with breaststroke and butterfly events remaining before the last relay. The guys in those events swam incredible to give our relays at the end a shot at defeating Delaware. In the end, we came up just 3 points short. I am still very happy for the guys to defeat Marist, the defending MAAC Champion."

Sophomore Olympian Phil Scholz also continues to have a great season, this time setting the American record in the 1650 Free S11 Blind Swimmer category with a time of 19:39.10.

The Greyhounds will look to continue their impressive form after they get back from a month-long hiatus.

# Holding Curry scoreless

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Loyola players tried to match up against four of Davidson's. Later, with 4:33 remaining in the first half, senior Marquis Sullivan hit a three-pointer, giving him 1,000 career points, to bring Loyola to within eight. With the extra-man advantage however, Davidson was able to find open shots all night.

Interestingly, if the defense had worked, and Loyola had squeaked out a win against Davidson, the news would have been filled with unrelenting praise for Patsos' coaching decision. Unfortunately with the loss, it just left many scratching their heads.

"We had to play against an NBA player tonight," Patsos said. "Anybody else ever hold him scoreless? I'm a history major. Are they going to remember that we held him scoreless or we lost by 30?"

One look at the box score tells you all you need to know about the game. Davidson shot 46.8 percent from the field, while Loyola hit just 34 percent of its shots. Now let's say the double team had rattled Davidson, and Loyola had hit a few more of its shots during the game. Then we might be looking at a whole new story.

It's not a stretch to imagine Davidson's offense sputtering without the help of the nation's leading scorer. And it's even easier to imagine Loyola's offense gaining momentum and making big shots as its defense shuts down the most prolific scorer in the country.

However, the Wildcats made 29-of-62 field

goals, including 14 3-pointers, while Loyola was just 16-of-47 from the field.

Still others question the decision to keep the double team on Curry late in the second half, with Davidson up big. Why not change the scheme well after it has been exposed? But if the double team had been taken off, Curry would have then most likely scored at will.

In the end, Patsos tried something different, and unfortunately for the Greyhounds (2-6) it did not go their way. But what did Patsos have to lose? If he played a standard defense, Curry would have probably scored around his average of 35 points, and Loyola would have still lost by 30.

Despite the loss, Patsos did garner some national attention for his ever-growing program, including a discussion on ESPN's popular show Pardon the Interruption.


And to a school playing in the MAAC, national media attention can be a rare commodity.

No matter what the score was, Patsos tried something different. He could have let Davidson play their game and have Curry drop 35 points on his defense. Instead, he made the Wildcats play his game, a game without Curry.

If Loyola makes a few more shots, and Davidson misses a few of theirs, a whole new story is run by the Associated Press the next day. Unfortunately, for the Greyhounds this game will always be remembered as a game of "what if?"

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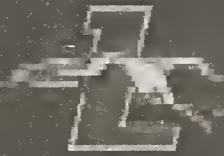
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AMT Study Break Flannery O'Connor 8 pm - 10 pm	Men's Basketball v.s. Coppin State Reitz Arena 7 pm	Study Day	Midnight Breakfast Boulder Gardens 12 am - 2 am	Midnight Breakfast Boulder Gardens 12 am - 2 am	Student Mass Hopkins Court Lounge 10 pm - 11 pm	Yoga Workshop Library 3 pm - 4 pm

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- Squaaks
- Gary B & the Notions
- Soul Cannon
- Junkrod Joe and the Cadillac Hearse

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By filling out the form, you'll also be entered to win  
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